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RENT DECONTROL BY
STAGES.
PROPOSALS OF THE COMMITTEE
TWO REPORTS.

The Departmental Committee on the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, has issued two reports. The majority report is signed by the Chairman (Lord Onslow) and eleven other members, and the minority report by the two Labour members.

The majority report recommends a further period of restriction, but that the new Act should aim at the gradual withdrawal of control. It is therefore proposed that restriction should be removed in stages, beginning with the houses last brought under control, as follows:—

Decontrol at Midsummer, 1933: houses of a standard rent exceeding £70 in the Metropolitan Police district and £32 elsewhere in England and Wales.

Decontrol at Midsummer, 1934: houses of a standard rent exceeding £35 in the Metropolitan Police district and £26 elsewhere in England and Wales.

Decontrol at Midsummer, 1935, of the remaining classes of houses.

In Scotland houses of a standard rent exceeding £80 would be no longer controlled, and the restrictions in respect of houses exceeding £50 standard rent would be withdrawn at Whitstable, 1934, and those in respect of houses of lesser rental a year later.

It is further recommended that the increase of rent permissible under the present Act should not be altered except in the case of a tenant who sub-lets part of a house; but that when a house becomes vacant it should be withdrawn from the scope of the new Act. A tenant should have the option of concluding, during the currency of the new Act, a new agreement with the landlord beginning from any date and extending beyond the date at which the new Act ceases to apply to the house.

Modifications of conditions governing the landlord's rights to possession in certain cases are suggested. The present owner of a house desiring to occupy it himself would have to give three months' notice expiring not earlier than Michaelmas, and if he did not become the owner until after December 31st, 1931, he must show the Court that greater hardship would be caused by refusal of the order for possession than by granting it.

It is also proposed that so long as a particular house remains protected as regards rent any mortgage on that house should be restricted as under the present Act. (The Chairman and three other members record their opinion that all restrictions on dealings with mortgages should be allowed to lapse with the present Act.)

RENT INCREASE NOTICES.
The recommendations of the majority would leave the position of sub-tenants substantially unaltered. It is suggested that notices of increases of rent should be simplified, and that increases in excess of the legal amount should be invalid only in respect of the excess. It is also proposed that a landlord should be prevented from evicting a tenant on the ground of non-payment of rent if the tenant is in possession of a notice of restriction without reasonable notice.

Several members sign the majority report with reservations. Colonel Freeman suggests that, within specified limits, there should be local option as to the date when decontrol should take effect, this option to be exercised by county and county borough councils.

The minority report suggests that the present restrictions should be continued till 1930 for the lowest category of houses, and also for the same period in respect of the two other categories unless withdrawn earlier by an Order in Council approved by Parliament. The minority report recommends an immediate reduction of all rents by 25 per cent., and a further reduction by 15 per cent. at Martinmas, 1933. It calls for a revival of the State-aided housing schemes of local authorities.

MINISTER'S VIEWS ON RENT
RESTRICTION.
CONTROL DESTROYS CONFIDENCE
OF INVESTORS.

The rent restriction question was dealt with by Sir Arthur Bowdler in the address which he made to the electors of Mitcham.

There can be no real improvement in the condition of our people until this urgent question is solved, since all reform begins in the home. The Government propose immediately to bring in a new Housing Bill, which will aim both at getting rid of the present shortage of houses and at providing better means of abolishing the horrible slums which still exist in too many of our towns and cities.

We shall endeavour to solve the former difficulty chiefly by getting back into the business that private enterprise, which provided 95 per cent of the houses before the war. We shall not in co-operation with and through the local authorities.

Closely allied with the housing question is that of the rent restriction. The Government are not in a position to propose to do anything about it, until the Government propose to do it by placing it, with the least possible delay, before the country that they can best secure the end in view. The one thing necessary above all others is that local authorities and private builders should know for certain what they have to expect.

THE LURE OF GOLF.

A well-known American weekly is steadily maintaining a campaign against the Golf habit, in spite of the resentment of a "particularly contentious and hypersensitive" crowd of golfers. The campaign started with the enumeration and occasional lurid description of the accidents which occur on links. It was found that sudden death from apoplexy and heart failure was very prevalent among golfers. Now the statistician has entered the fray. There are 800,000 golfers in the United States. Golf balls, sticks, plus fours, railway fares, club subscriptions cost 126 million dollars a year. The land employed for the game could produce crops worth 13 million dollars; the time wasted in playing and talking about it during business hours is worth 178 million dollars. Half a billion dollars all told.

RENT RESTRICTION

The long-expected Report of the Rent Restriction Act Committee, re-appointed and partly re-constituted last December under the chairmanship of Lord Onslow, was issued yesterday (writes *The Times* of February 10th). It consists of a majority and a minority report, the latter signed by Mr. Duncan M. Graham and Colonel J. Watts-Morgan, together with sundry reservations on specific points by the Chairman and several other members of the Committee. Broadly speaking, the recommendations of the majority follow the lines which from time to time have been foreshadowed in our columns. The first of these, the principle which governs all the rest, is that the whole of the existing restrictions should be removed at the earliest possible date, whereas the two Labour representatives are of the opinion that they should be continued till 1930. On this particular point we believe that the public generally will be strongly inclined to agree with the view of the majority. There is no doubt, as their Report suggests, that psychological, as well as financial, reasons have operated to drive away investment money from new house property. But the aversion to statutory control of any kind, which is the result of the country's painful experience since 1915, is by no means confined to investors. In spite of the great benefits conferred on tenants by the Rent Restriction Acts, it is commonly agreed that in the letting and renting of dwelling-houses, no less than in other departments of the country's life, the period of artificial control should be ended without unnecessary delay, and free competition given once more to the laws of supply and demand. The Report does not recommend that all the restrictions on all classes of houses should be removed at once. It is suggested that there should be a further period of restriction, to be regarded in the light of a transition period between the present time of full control and the time when all restrictions will have ceased to exist. During this period, it will be drawn in three separate stages. Houses which were first brought within the scope of the restrictions by the Act of 1920 will not be included in any new Act; those brought in under the Act of 1919 are to be protected till midsummer, 1934; and protection will be withdrawn from the remaining class of houses at midsummer, 1935. It will be seen that by this arrangement the first class of tenants to be deprived of the safeguards conferred by the various Rent Restriction Acts will be those who, paying the highest rents, were the last to benefit by the system of control. To this order of procedure no exception need be taken, even though in some ways it is the people of the lower middle classes who have been most severely penalized by the financial straits of which the war was the direct cause. On the other hand, it was contended by a large number of the witnesses examined by the Committee that the tenants of the larger houses are persons who are in the best position to purchase their own houses, or to rent new houses at an economic rent. The effect of removing restrictions from them, it is suggested, will create a demand which will speed up the building, which is the thing to be done at present. It is also suggested that the removal of this type of house, and so set going a "moving-up" process, which will help to relieve the pressure on the small houses.

It is, we need hardly say, houses of this last type, those rented at £35 or less, which came under the Act of 1915, of which the need is the greatest and most urgent. The Committee express the hope that during the transitional period these working-class houses will have been provided by private enterprise or by the State or by the municipalities, or by all three—in sufficient numbers to reduce the deficiency of the point at which house-owners will no longer be in a position to demand and obtain excessive rents. They also point out that the prevalence of unemployment and the general fall in wages make even the present rents a great strain on the resources of the working classes, and that fears are entertained in some quarters that the removal of the present might follow the withdrawal of the present Act. The Report, in fact, fully recognizes that the one thing that really matters, the one crying evil for which a remedy must at all costs be found, is the deficiency of working-class dwellings. Beyond suggesting that the removal of the restrictions will tend to stimulate the enterprise of the private builder—though these restrictions, it must be remembered, do not apply to houses newly built or building—they do not make any practical proposals as to how that deficiency may be overcome. Their Report is, as it was bound to be, negative rather than constructive. As a method of dealing with the grave difficulty of the lack of dwelling-houses, it is only a half policy. It is for the Government, if the Report is adopted and acted upon, to supplement the recommendations with a positive building programme framed to supply the nation's needs. Of the various plans which have been published the most hopeful is probably the scheme which was last month brought to the notice of the Minister of Health by an important deputation representing many of the local authorities of the kingdom. Their plan may or may not commend itself to the Prime Minister. But whatever the policy which the Government propose to adopt, it is by placing it, with the least possible delay, before the country that they can best secure the end in view. The one thing necessary above all others is that local authorities and private builders should know for certain what they have to expect.

THE METHOD OF MOUNTING

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1933. [545]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1933. [558]

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined on any Tuesday and Friday
between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon
within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the goods
have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 23rd Mar.,
will be subject to rent.

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presented to the undersigned on or before the
5th April, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1933 [557]

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY LEAGUE GAMES.

KING'S WIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division I.

King's Regt.	1	Hongkong Club	0
H.M.S. Ambrose	2	South China	0
H.M.S. Durban	4	H.M.S. Durban	0
Kowloon	2	R.G.A.	1
H.M.S. Tamar	1	H.M.S. Titania	0

Division II.

St. Joseph's	3	H.M.S. Ambrose	1
H.M.S. Marazion	6	University	2
South China 'B'	1	H.M.S. Durban	0

KING'S CLUB.

On the Club ground, before a good attendance, the King's won the league championship for the season when they defeated the Club by a goal to nil. The King's won the toss and Gerrard started for the Club against the wind. The soldiers took up the attack from the start, but their forwards were out of form and their inside men had plenty of chances but failed. McPhail, in goal for the Club, brought off some good saves, while Stewart kept Jones well marked. Dyer scored the only goal of the match after twenty minutes' play. Jones made an attempt to run through, and, after drawing the defence, pushed the ball over to Dyer who beat McPhail from close range. Play then became very poor and the interval arrived with the King's leading by a goal to nil.

From the restart, the King's again took up the attack and for a time the Club were forced to act on the defensive. Dyer lost control of the ball close in, when a goal seemed certain, and the ball rolled behind. Gerrard took the goalkeeper by surprise by sending in a half volley from long range, but the ball went the wrong side of the post. The King's returned to the attack and just missed with a screw shot. Again Williams sent the ball over the bar. The next visit of the soldiers saw Hollands pulled up for offside play. The Club got down and Ramsey let the ball run to touch near the corner flag. The final whistle sounded with the King's winners of a poor game by a goal to nil. Stewart was the pick of the Club defence, while Valentino was good in the attack.

The teams:—
King's:—Highton, Griffiths and Williams; Newton, Hodgson and Barlow; Williams, Hart, Lieut. Jones, Dyer and Hollands.

Club:—McPhail; Israel and Bishop; Blair, Stewart and Angus; Ramsey, Valentino, Gerrard, McBride and England.

Referee: Mr. Wright.

KOWLOON v. R.G.A.

Playing at home, Kowloon were lucky to beat the R.G.A. getting the winning goal in the last minute of the game. Best started the game for the visitors against the wind, and the home team got well off the mark but the ball went behind. Offside against Couzens stopped a promising movement by the R.G.A. and Cleme was sent down the wing. Scully lifted the ball over the bar from his centre. Duncan sent in a shot from long range that missed. Kowloon forced a fruitless corner and the R.G.A. going down, the ball was sent over the top. Woodman served from Couzens and for a time the R.G.A. pressed. From a free kick awarded against Duncan, Couzens opened the score for the R.G.A. who were leading at the interval by a goal to nil.

From the restart Kowloon forced a corner, and Hall sent the ball over the bar, and Kowloon again attacking forced another corner and Scully, receiving from the flag kick, beat Phillips and made the scores one all. The game now lived up and was very fast, each side being out for the winning goal. The R.G.A. had the better of the exchanges but was erratic in front of goal. Kowloon forced several corners and Duncan, getting his head to the ball following a corner kick, sent the ball into the net and won the game for Kowloon. Shortly afterwards the final whistle sounded leaving Kowloon winners of a fast and even game by two goals to one.

The teams:—
Kowloon:—Woodman; Wheeler and Knight; Morrison, McKelvie and Pascoe; Cleme, Hall, Scully, Duncan and Mason. R.G.A.:—Phillips; McCormack and Frampton; Sands, Hicks and Lelliott; Veale, Green, Best, Couzens and Harris.

Referee: Mr. Perryman.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS" v. SOUTH CHINA.

On the Garrison ground at Soeknopo this match was played before a large attendance and ended in a win for the Hawkins by two goals to nil. South China had out a fairly weak team and started the game with ten men only, Lam Yuk Ying coming on shortly after the game started. The opening minutes favoured South China and Ip Kau spoiled a chance by getting offside. Play was very open and each side attacked in turn. Osborne failed to turn a centre from Barkham in the right direction and the ball went wide. Wrigley was stopped for offside play and South China transferring, Ip Kau had a good chance to open the score but failed from three yards out. The interval arrived with the score sheet blank. South China, in the second half took up the attack and Wong Pak Chong was stopped for fouling. Most of the play in the second half was upset their attack by playing the one back game. Wrigley opened the score for the sailors, receiving the ball from a pass by Hewitt. Following a bout of midfield play the sailors took up the

attack and owing to a misunderstanding between two of the South China players, the ball went to Osborne, who was unmarked, and the sailors' centre scored their second goal. The sailors continued to attack, but there was no further scoring and the result was a win for the sailors as detailed above.

The teams:—
Hawkins:—Hooper; Adkins and Bickers; Sirk, Crow and Sawyer; Barkham, Wrigley, Osborne, Frost and Hewitt.

South China:—Kwan Sheung Chu; Lai Yuk Tat and Chan So; Au Kit Sang, Leung Yuk Tong and Lam Yuk Ying; Ping Kam Wing, Lai Wei Tong, Wong Pak Chong, Ip Kau and Chan Kwong Yin.

Referee: Mr. Hollands.

H.M.S. "TAMAR" v. H.M.S. "TITANIA."

Playing on the Navy "B" ground the Tamar beat the Titania by a goal to nil.

The game was well contested and each half of the field was visited in turn. The interval arrived with the Tamar leading by a goal to nil. The final whistle sounded with the Tamar winners by the only goal scored in the match.

The teams:—
Tamar:—Routley; Grant and Harry; Taylor, Hudson and Bryant; Hill, Handford, Wilkins, Oxford and Burd. Titania:—White; Lanning and McGarrigle; Kemp, Weedon and Brooks; Grier, Popple, Emery, Bull and Bradshaw.

Referee: Mr. Williams.

H.M.S. "AMBROSE" v. H.M.S. "DURBAN."

Playing on the Navy "A" ground before a good number of service men the Ambrose strengthened their position as runners-up for the league by winning against the Durban by four clear goals. The Durban started with a strong wind behind them but their forwards failed to take up the chances offered. Wellbourne missed a good opening to give the Ambrose the lead and Hood was wild with his shots. The interval found the score sheet blank.

The Ambrose won handsomely in the second half by piling on four goals. They deserve great credit for their win, for they played four forwards only throughout the game, Parker being forced to retire from the field shortly after the game started. The Durban missed the services of Cann, Darlison and Yeoman and with these three players in the attack, the Ambrose would have been a beaten team in the first half of the game.

The teams:—
Ambrose:—Coyah; Linden and Boult; Turner, Butler and Woodcock; Bolneaves, Parker, Wellbourne, Hood and Carter. Durban:—Davis; Legge and King; Lawrence, Holten and Thomas; Millar, Keating, Watkins, Dickson and Weyms.

Referee: Mr. Smith.

JUNIOR GAMES.

Playing on the St. Joseph's ground the Marazion beat the University by six goals to two. At the interval the sailors were leading by a goal (scored by Pibworth) to nil. In the second half Pibworth scored four more goals while one of the University players put the ball into his own goal. T. L. Cheah scored twice in this half for the University.

South China "B" played on the Navy "A" ground, beat the Durban Reserves in their last game of the season by a goal to nil. The sailors' goalkeeper played a fine game for his side and was only beaten once, and that by a header from Lau Kau who had the advantage of height when the ball was well placed from a corner kick.

St. Joseph's beat the Ambrose Reserves on the Navy "A" ground by three goals to one. The sailors player Armstrong of their first team. St. Joseph's took up the attack from the start and Ogley missed a splendid chance to take the lead. However, he opened the score for the College and shortly afterwards Armstrong levelled up for the sailors. Before the close Rocha scored twice for the College who won as above.

ILLEGIBLE SIGNATURES.

As a rule the most important word in a letter is the signature of the writer, but as most business men send typewritten communications it frequently happens that it is the only word in manuscript and quite illegible. A great deal of time and trouble would be saved if correspondents would give their names in duplicate—in type for identification and in manuscript as evidence of bona fides. Recently we received a letter from an unknown correspondent whose signature we failed to decipher. Later came an indignant request for an answer to the first letter. But we were unable to decipher the second set of hieroglyphics.

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THE INTERPORT REGATTA. ANOTHER WIN FOR SHANGHAI. HONGKONG LOSE THE ROWING CONTESTS.

After a lapse of several years an interport regatta was held in Hongkong on Saturday, and Shanghai added to its sporting victories this season in interport contests yet another for the visiting team won both interport rowing events on the programme—the interport pairs and the interport fours.

The interport regatta was arranged, at considerable trouble, by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club who at the same time took the opportunity of holding its closing yachting cruise of the season and of distributing the trophies won by the various yachts during the past season. The regatta proved an unequalled success and a large number of yachting and rowing enthusiasts were present at North Point to witness the events.

Two or three lighters moored lengthwise at the entrance to the Yachting Club's enclosure and fitted with ample seating accommodation made a splendid vantage ground for witnessing the races. In the case of the rowing events, whilst the spectators could not see the whole of the race—from start to finish—from the stands, owing to the starting point being hidden by the projecting land occupied by the Hongkong Electric Company, they were afforded opportunities of going out by launch and following the race. All the rowing events finished opposite the lighters and some exciting tussles were seen.

The course for the rowing events extended over the strip of water from a point between Quarry Bay and the Ming Yuen Gardens to North Point (directly opposite the Club House). It was indicated by yachts, not participating in the sailing events, riding at anchor on the outside boundary line. These yachts, which were mainly cruisers, had dressed ship.

Amongst those present at the Regatta were: H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson and Lady Leveson, H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Sir John Fowler) and Miss Fowler and many other well-known ladies and gentlemen.

THE SPORTS.

The principal rowing contests were, of course, the interport events. In these only two teams contested—Shanghai and Hongkong. Canton was also to have sent a competing team, but, at the last moment, that port was unavoidably compelled to scratch its entry. An invitation had also been extended to Singapore to participate, but the Southerners could not see their way clear to accept, much to the regret of all concerned.

The first of these events to be rowed off was the Interport Pairs for the Percy Smith Challenge Cup. Shanghai got away to a good start and in the first half of the race they gradually increased the lead to about two lengths. Hongkong struggled hard in the second half of the race but could not make up the lost ground. Shanghai won by about two lengths. In the other event—the Interport Fours (for the Smyth Challenge)—Shanghai again went ahead at the start and held the lead throughout winning by about a length and a half.

Of the other events great interest was shown in the "Hong" Fours, which was won by the Navy by about half a length from the Public Works Department's crew. Ewo was a good third and Taikoo fourth. Ewo had been looked upon as likely winners of this race, and certainly not likely to be beaten by the P.W.D. men.

In the interclub races, the V.R.C. won the Pairs, and thus wrested the Murdoch Challenge Cup from the R.H.K.Y.C. The latter were, however, successful in winning the Interclub Sculling match for the Blair Challenge Shield, Pina winning easily from C. Earnshaw representing the V.R.C.

In the Interclub Fours for the Stockbrokers' Challenge Cup, three teams competed—two from the R.H.K.Y.C. and one from the V.R.C. The Royal's No. 2 crew came in first, with the V.R.C. second.

An interesting event was the Dragon boat race between two teams of Chinese arranged by Ah King, the red boat's crew winning by half a length. The spectators were given an amusing half-an-hour watching these two boats carrying up and down the course to the beating of drums and the wild gesticulations of the crews prior to the race.

During the afternoon the King's Regimental Band played delightful selections of music.

PRESENTATION OF YACHTING PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the day's racing the Commodore of the Yacht Club (Mr. A. R. Lowe) in asking Mrs. D. K. Blair (wife of the Vice-Commodore) to present the yachting prizes won during the past season, said it gave the members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club very great pleasure to see so many friends present at the regatta, and particularly to notice the interest taken in the afternoon's sport. They were also glad to welcome H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson and Lady Leveson and Sir John Fowler and Miss Fowler. He would also like to remark on the presence of Mr. Eaton, a senior member of the New York and Boston Yacht Clubs. Long before many of those present were born, this gentleman had taken a very keen interest in yachting and oarsmanship and it had given him great pleasure to witness this regatta on the other side of the world.

Referring to the rowing events, Mr. Lowe said they were indebted to Shanghai for visiting the Colony. He congratulated the visitors on beating Hongkong. (Hear, hear.) Some day they hoped to bring back the shields. The interest taken in the Hong Fours was very gratifying and this should help to "buck up" oarsmanship here very much. They were very sorry, that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, Singapore and Canton had not been able to send crews to compete. The Club would be welcoming Swatow on Sunday and would have a sailing race with them.

Mr. Lowe thanked the officers who had so successfully made the arrangements for the regatta and paid a special tribute to the Clerk of the Weather. Mrs. Blair then distributed the yachting prizes won during the past season, and was herself presented by little Miss Pfordten with a beautiful bouquet of flowers tied with the Club's colours. M. D. K. BLAIR, returning thanks on behalf of his wife, said: My wife has asked me to thank you for so kindly inviting her here to-day to present these handsome prizes. The presentation of these prizes has been a great pleasure to her, and I would like to take the opportunity, since so much stress has been laid on the question of economy in prizes, to point out that almost everything you have seen on the table to-day in the way of yachting prizes has been paid for out of yachting fees, while the prizes to be presented at the rowing dinner this evening have all been subscribed for by influential men of the Colony sympathetic to rowing. Now these functions, as you are well aware, do not run on wheels. A great deal of organising and hard work for weeks ahead is necessary, and the time—sometimes at great inconvenience to many members of the Club—is taken up in planning and re-planning in order to make possible such a successful regatta as I am sure you will agree, you have witnessed to-day. This necessitates a working committee, and although the working committee does not always work as smoothly as I am sure you will agree that it has been successful in carrying through an event of such magnitude as seldom occurs in Hongkong. The interport events have been highly successful. One thing at least we are sure of—the best crew in each interport event has won. (Cheers.) I would now like to thank all those who so willingly assisted us, and, although distinctions are invidious, I would like to mention the names of Mr. Carpenter, who is always in the lead in these matters, and Mr. Cock who has helped considerably; also Mr. Donald Logan, whose assistance in regard to the entering arrangements here to-day has been invaluable. But I would particularly mention Mr. H. S. Rouse and Mr. D. L. Ralph, Mr. Rouse, as sailing secretary, has successfully carried us through another sailing season and has stood up to the job, manfully. I have done the work myself for years and I know something about its heart-burnings. Mr. Ralph has been responsible for most of the arrangements here to-day, and without his help I don't know what we would have done. To these two gentlemen I would award the palm, and I will now ask each of them to accept a gift as a little token of Mrs. Blair's and my own appreciation of their services to the Club.

Mrs. Blair then handed a cabin clock to Mr. Rouse and a telescope to Mr. Ralph amid applause.

Mr. Rouse, replying on behalf of Mr. Ralph and himself, said he could only assure Mr. Blair that anything they could do to further the interest in sailing was an absolute pleasure. He was reminded of a quotation from a fellow countryman of Mr. Blair's—Robert Louis Stevenson, who wrote: "Robert will any one dare to tell me that business is more entertaining than fooling amongst boats? He must never have seen a boat or never have seen an office, who says so and the one is a great deal better for the health." (Applause.)

The proceedings closed with cheers for the Commodore and the working committee.

YACHT RACING FOR LADIES.

Course: Start, Club House line (W. to E.); mark boat off Kowloon Dock Point (P.); mark boat off Holt's Wharf (P.); mark boat on Club House line (P.). Two round. Distance 4½ miles.

GAN CLASS.—1, *Tonette*, ser. (Messrs. D. L. Ralph and J. Thayer), sailed by Mrs. Elliot; 2, *Joan*, ser. (Mr. D. H. Blake), Miss Robertson.

HAYWARD-HAYS CLASS.—1, *Gladye*, ser. (Mr. J. L. Adams), Mrs. Adams; 2, *Sealark*, ser. (Mr. E. Cock), Mrs. Harton; 3, *Urruk*, ser. (Mr. E. S. Rouse), Mrs. Rouse.

ONE DRAGON CLASS.—1, *Daphne*, ser. (Mr. E. R. Smyth), Mrs. Gibbins; 2, *Halcyon*, ser. (Mr. D. K. Blair), Miss Harton.

HANDICAP CLASS.—1, *Diana*, ser. (Capt. T. Arthur), Mrs. Arthur; 2, *Dorothy*, ser. (Mr. G. Hogg), Miss Phillips.

ROWING RACES.

INTERPORT PAIRS (distance three-quarters of a mile).—1, V.R.C. "Marshall" (bow), H. J. de B. Moore (stroke) and G. Razavet (cox); 2, R.H.K.Y.C. G. May (bow), O. Stute (stroke) and W. H. Poley (cox).

INTERPORT SINGLE SCULLS (distance three-quarters of a mile).—1, R.H.K.Y.C. G. Tiran; 2, V.R.C. C. Earnshaw.

INTERCLUB FOURS (distance one mile).—1, R.H.K.Y.C. No. 2 team, Dixon (bow), G. Tyran (two), M. L. Ballin (three), G. Stute (stroke) and Sorenson (cox); 2, V.R.C. Marshall (bow), Wemy's (two), C. Earnshaw (three), H. J. de B. Moore (stroke) and G. Razavet (cox).

INTERPORT PAIRS (distance three-quarters of a mile).—1, Shanghai, P. Schweitzer (bow); F. W. Schlobohm (stroke) and A. T. Stubbs (cox); 2, Hongkong, J. S. McCann (bow), H. Dreyer (stroke), and G. Razavet (cox).

DRAGON BOAT RACE.—Won by red crew. HONG FOURS (distance three-quarters of a mile).—1, Navy; 2, Public Works Department; 3, Ewo; 4, Taikoo.

POLICE LAUNCH CREWS (distance one mile).—Won by No. 1, Police Launch.

INTERCLUB FOURS (distance one mile).—1, Shanghai, P. Schweitzer (bow), F. Schlobohm (two), S. Phillips (three), H. Collar (stroke) and G. R. Razavet (cox); 2, Hongkong, D. C. Logan (bow), H. Dreyer (two), Norgaard (three), J. S. McCann (stroke) and H. W. Poley (cox).

SCRATCH FOURS (distance half a mile).—Four teams rowed. The winning team was composed as follows:—1, Zeleny (bow), Goch (two), W. R. Andrews (three), J. B. Brown (stroke) and S. D. Begg (cox).

The trophies won during the past yachting season were distributed as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIPS SEASON 1922-1923.

CRUISER CLASS.—Chinese Rig. 1, *Lady Jean*, Mr. E. M. Raymond (sailed by Mr. Pearce); 2, *Tribe*, Mr. A. R. Lowe; English Rig. 1, *La Cigale*, Mr. N. Crocker; 2, *Azuma*, Mr. P. M. Hodgson (sailed by Mr. Rouse).

HANDICAP CLASS.—1, *Bella*, Mr. N. Crocker; 2, *Diana*, Capt. T. Arthur.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.—1, *Daphne*, Mr. F. R. Smyth; 2, *Urruk*, Mr. C. E. L. Grist.

HEYWARD-HAYS CLASS.—1, *Adanac*, Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R.; 2, *Sea Lark*, Mr. E. Cock; 3, *Urruk*, Mr. H. S. Rouse.

GAN CLASS.—1, *Tonette*, Messrs. D. L. Ralph and J. Thayer; 2, *Joan*, Mr. D. H. Blake.

COMMODORE'S CUP FOR RACING YACHTS (presented by Mr. A. R. Lowe).—*Dorothy*, Mr. G. Hogg (sailed by Mr. D. Bentley), Mr. D. H. Blake.

COMMODORE'S CUP FOR CRUISERS (presented by Mr. A. R. Lowe).—*Violet*, Mr. M. Henderson.

VICE-COMMODORE'S CUP FOR RACING YACHTS (presented by Mr. D. K. Blair).—*Daphne*, Mr. F. R. Smyth; *Sealark*, Mr. E. Cock.

VICE-COMMODORE'S CUP FOR CRUISERS (presented by Mr. D. K. Blair).—*Violet*, Mr. A. R. Lowe.

"TAI YU" CUP (for prize winners in championships).—*Adanac*, Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R.

Bella cup, *Daphne* cup, *Adanac* cup, *The Lady Jean* cup, *La Cigale* cup, and *Tonette* cup to be presented at a later date.

The following were the officials for the day: V.R.C. Representatives.—Messrs. H. Dreyer and C. Earnshaw.

STARTERS.—Mr. E. W. Carpenter and Lt.-Comdr. Hake, R.N.R.

UMPIRES.—Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., Mr. A. Murdoch and Mr. A. A. Alves.

JUDGES.—Commander O. W. Beckwith, R.N., Capt. E. D. O. Wolfe and Mr. W. Logan.

MASTERS OF BOATS.—Messrs. E. C. Wicheff, A. H. Carroll and C. Earnshaw.

CLERKS OF COURSE.—Messrs. T. H. G. Brayfield and J. Kerr.

YACHTING.—JUDGES: Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., Messrs. H. S. Rouse, E. Cock and Capt. T. Arthur.

CLERKS OF COURSE: Messrs. A. W. Van Andel, G. G. Wood and G. Burn.

THE DINNER.

MR. R. SUTHERLAND IN REMINISCENT STRAIN.

The regatta was concluded with a very happy dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, when the prizes and cups were distributed to the day's winners. Hongkong then had to undergo the mortification of seeing their flag handed over to the Shanghai captain. However, they bore up well under the strain, and Mr. Collar was cheered to the echo as he received the valued square of bunting from the hands of Mr. W. Logan.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. R. Lowe, and he was supported by the Vice-Commodore, Mr. D. K. Blair, and members of the day's committee. The visitors were present in force.

When the menu had been steadily worked through, and the CHAIRMAN had given the loyal toast, Mr. J. S. McCann proposed "The Visitors," and at the same time made a happy little congratulatory speech. "We did our best," he said, "to give them a good race in both events, but I think the better team won. (Hear, hear.) I hope we shall have learned a lesson to-day from them, and that in the future we shall do our best to beat them. But it will take some doing, I don't mind saying, with the present material we have in hand." (Laughter)—but I think it may be done if they will only put their backs into it." (Applause.) The speaker went on to say that the visitors had shown themselves to be excellent sportsmen, and had accepted terms and conditions somewhat unfamiliar to them without a murmur. They were amused to watch water rowing, and the course was a strange one; so that Hongkong had had to lead them a coxswain. But even so, they had still beaten the home men. He hoped that when Hongkong did go up to Shanghai they would try to recover all that they had lost that day.

The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. COLLAR replied very briefly on behalf of Shanghai. He thanked them for the very sporting way in which the visitors had been treated, and for the good time they had been given. He added that their cox had done extraordinary well for them, and said he would turn the duties of replying to the toast over to Mr. Schlobohm.

Mr. SCHLOBOHM said he welcomed the opportunity to address the gathering. It was his first introduction into interport rowing, and he was proud to be a member of the crew which had come down to Hongkong among men who were such good sportsmen. One thing that had struck him during the day was the attitude of a Hongkong umpire. He pointed out to their coxswain the best course he knew; told them what to avoid, and did everything in his power to show them how to win. "I want to say," he concluded, "that you people have lost to-day through misfortune, and although you are losers, you are good sportsmen. I want all our men to drink to Hongkong."

The visitors drank the toast with enthusiasm, singing the while, "For they are jolly good fellows."

The toast of "Rowing" was proposed by Mr. R. SUTHERLAND, who very briefly recalled to mind some of the old time rowing men of the East. The Hon. Mr. Stephen, of the Hongkong Bank, was to have been with them that night, but he had written to say that he was very sorry he could not attend, because he would like to have given them some reminiscences of regattas thirty-five years ago. "That rather puts me out of court," said Mr. Sutherland, "and when I look round and see all the gray heads, and the bald heads, and even the fatheads, it makes me rather diffident about talking of regattas twenty-five years ago, for I still feel young, and I am still good looking. (Laughter and applause.) However, as I was not allowed to do anything at the regatta to-day, your very genial committee said I might speak to-night if I liked, and I happened to like."

Mr. Sutherland said he rowed in the international regatta at Shanghai in '98. "Nevertheless," he added to the accompaniment of a gust of laughter, "we won." He went on to say that in having rowing clubs such as they now had in Shanghai and Hongkong, they were very lucky. He wished them to realise that those clubs, with their finances, their sinking funds, and debentures, and the facilities they afforded, were only made possible by the hard work of those who had gone before. There were certain men in China responsible for bringing rowing up to the fine art that they had witnessed at the regatta that day. They went out of their way to train and coach, and bring their crews up to the mark. He had not a complete list of the names, but he thought there were certain men who should be called to mind. In Shanghai there was "old Brodie Clark," a real good sportsman; there was Ned Reiss, and there was Huchin. Huchin was a German, but "a d—n good sport." There was Duncan Glas, who used to row at the Scotch Creek in Shanghai; and W. D. Little, one of the finest coaches China has ever seen. Then there was Jimmy Hall, coach and stroke; Duncan of Taikoo, Jimmy McNeel, Arbuthnot, W. G. Ross, and many others. And there were those men who had been the means of giving them good sport that day. There was H. S. Rouse, the finest stroke there; there was Wall, Darch, Franklyn, Messrs. Sir Stuart Lockhart, Stephens, Owen Hughes, Major Brook, and that couple, Day and Martin. "They rowed," he said, "in the pairs together, and with great polish." (Laughter.) Then they had the brothers, Alves, who had been associated for years, and years with success. There was Franklyn, and poor old George Cornwall. There was Roderick Campbell, a coach who was in the Scotch "eight" years ago. He remembered when they rowed in the Scotch "eight" against the English "eight" in '96. They won, and after the race the English "eight" entertained them to dinner.

The dinner went on and Boddy Campbell made a speech. When he started to talk about rowing, we were of course, all very keen. He described all the training, etc., and then he got up and said: "Now we come to the race of to-day. Well we all leaned forward against our tables, and grabbed the nearest port bottle, if there was one. We were all on deck at that time. No-one went under the table in case the English fellows should go through our pockets. (Laughter.) Well, we waited with bated breath, and he said: 'You had a most excellent start and the rowing, the rowing, it was the most damnable rowing I ever saw in my life.' At that the Scotch "eight" went completely under the table." (Laughter.)

Mr. Sutherland went on in more serious vein. He expressed the opinion that rowing was the finest thing a young fellow could take up when he came out to the East. It was a cheap sport, "one calling for very little money. A young man would simply leave his office, have a row and shower, and emerge feeling as fit as a fiddle. He took no exception to men going out to the dances or bridge, or anything, they liked, a certain number of days in a week, but he could say that he himself looked back upon the days in which he was rowing in Shanghai, and elsewhere, as those in which he had been fitter than he had ever been since. Taking it in its broadest sense they would realise that rowing was a sport which had lived, and would live. There was nothing in the world equal to the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. Here was a sport which would cause hundreds of thousands of people to come miles and miles in order to stand on the towing path and watch sixteen men flash past.

them for the fraction of a second. And they would stand on the towing path all day in order to see it. They had heard it said that horse racing was the sport of Kings. That might be so, but he thought they would all agree that rowing was the King of Sports. (Applause.) "With these remarks," he continued, "I would ask you to fill your glasses to the brim, and drink success to this great sport which has called you here together. With it I couple the name of Mr. Smyth."

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

The duty then fell upon Mr. Logan to present the cups. Before doing so he said: "To-day's race was the finest I have ever seen. We have a good crew, but Shanghai have a better. Our men trained hard and they rowed their best." He hoped that when they went to Shanghai they would do their best to bring the flag back with them. This was the first time Shanghai had competed in inter-port rowing, and he thought perhaps Hongkong's loss that day was a blessing in disguise. It would stimulate rowing here. He could not help thinking that had they had as many men rowing at the "Royals" as they had, say, four months ago, they might have rowed another crew, and retained their flag. There were certain names that Mr. Sutherland had not mentioned in the course of his remarks. These included George Potts, H. W. Slade, Wooden, and Masters, of the firm of Johnson, Stokes and Masters. Rowing was an excellent thing, for it was a sport calling for strenuous training, and a perfect state of physical health and condition. He added that he wished to personally thank Mr. E. W. Carpenter for the work he had put in in taking the crew out and coaching them, albeit unsuccessfully.

Mr. Logan then distributed the awards, and presented the Hongkong flag.

In accepting the flag, Mr. COLLIER said they were very glad to take it away with them, and they hoped to see Hongkong up at Shanghai to try and get it back again.

From then onwards the evening resolved itself into a more or less informal affair, and the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING.

Yesterday the interport sailing events between Hongkong and Swatow were held. There were two races, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and both were won by Hongkong—the first interport rowing or sailing event the Colony has won this year. The morning's course was from the club house line, West to East, to the mark boat off Kowloon Dock Point, round the mark boat at Black Head's point, and finishing at the club-house line; West to East. The distance was twice round. Capt. T. Arthur and Mr. J. H. Pearce were the Hongkong helmsmen, and Messrs. Lamble and Wood were the Swatow helmsmen. The Swatow having lost all the yachts in the typhoon, all the boats used belonged to Hongkong owners, members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. To make matters so far as possible draws were held to decide which boat should be allotted to each helmsman. In the morning the draw resulted in Mr. Pearce being allotted the *Adanac*, Captain Arthur the *Ursula*, Mr. Wood the *Gladys*, and Mr. Lamble the *Scarlark*.

The sea was too rough for racing at first, with the result that the start was delayed, and the boats left the line at 12.30 p.m., instead of 11 a.m., as at first arranged. The boats came home in the following order, after a fair race had been sailed:

Yacht	Sailed by	Time
1. <i>Adanac</i>	Mr. Pearce	1.8.55
2. <i>Ursula</i>	Capt. Arthur	1.7.19
3. <i>Scarlark</i>	Mr. Lamble	1.7.52
4. <i>Gladys</i>	Mr. Wood	1.11.16

In the afternoon the sea was smoother for racing, and a fresh Easterly breeze made sailing good. The course was from the clubhouse line West to East, round the Lyman Beacon, the Channel Rocks, and Lyman Beacon (S), finishing at the starting point. The distance was only once round this time. The boats were changed over, so that Mr. Pearce was allotted the *Gladys*, Captain Arthur the *Scarlark*, Mr. Wood the *Adanac*, and Mr. Lamble the *Ursula*. The race started at 2.35. Hongkong again obtained the first and second places, the boats coming home in the following order after a very close race:

Yacht	Sailed by	Time
1. <i>Gladys</i>	Mr. Pearce	1.52.19
2. <i>Scarlark</i>	Capt. Arthur	1.52.49
3. <i>Adanac</i>	Mr. Wood	1.53.19
4. <i>Ursula</i>	Mr. Lamble	1.58.13

After the racing was over, Mrs. Arthur, wife of Captain Arthur, presented the prizes. The Commodore, Mr. A. R. Lowe, introducing the lady, remarked that she was the only representative of any sporting club in the Colony to have the pleasure of knowing that his club had won an interport event. He added that it was very good of the Swatow competitors to have come down at all, considering the circumstances caused by the loss of their boats in the typhoon. Mr. Lowe expressed their indebtedness to Mr. Pearce and Captain Arthur for winning the day's events.

Mrs. Arthur then distributed the prizes. The competitors registered their relative success by points, five being allowed for a win, three for a second, two for a third, and one for a fourth. The points gained by the competitors were thus as follows: Mr. Pearce, 10; Capt. Arthur, 6; Mr. Lamble, 3; and Mr. Wood, 3. The latter two gentlemen were awarded consolation prizes. A consolation sweepstake was arranged for yachts not competing in the morning and afternoon, and this was won by the *Tormentor*, sailed by Commodore H.E. Grant, R.N.

CRICKET.

FIRST LEAGUE.

H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

Playing at Happy Valley on Saturday the Hongkong Cricket Club first eleven defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club first in a league match by 20 runs. R. E. A. Webster made half a century for the visitors whilst G. R. Sayer for the home side compiled a useful 48.

Scores:—

H.K.C.C.	C.S.C.C.
G. H. Piercy, c Baker	27
F. J. R. Mitchell, c Holdman, b Ling	4
F. C. Miller, b Ling	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Holdman, b Ling	1
R. E. A. Webster, c Ling, b Hamilton	51
D. E. G. Nicholson, b Baker	0
F. H. Farthing, c Fincher, b Edmonds	17
T. E. Pearce, c Donkey, b Edmonds	13
L. D. McNicol, b W. Ling	29
W. W. Mackenzie, c Baker, b Edmonds	10
L. J. Davis, not out	3
Extras	3

Total 159

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. J. Ling	14	1	38	4
G. R. Sayer	5	0	23	0
F. Baker	6	1	28	2
E. W. Hamilton	6	1	35	1
W. H. Edmonds	8	0	34	3

C.S.C.C.

G. R. Sayer, c Farthing, b Owen Hughes	48
A. B. Sutherland, st. Davies, b Owen Hughes	1
R. C. W. Mitchell, c Owen Hughes, b Farthing	1
F. Baker, c Mitchell, b McNicol	29
A. E. Wood, c Piercy, b Owen Hughes	17
E. C. Fincher, c Miller, b McNicol	17
F. J. Ling, c McNicol, b Farthing	17
F. H. Holdman, b McNicol	4
M. H. Edmonds, st. Davies, b Farthing	6
E. Donkey, not out	9
E. W. Hamilton, c Pearce, b Farthing	0
Extras	3

Total 159

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Owen Hughes	16	0	61	3
F. H. Farthing	9	4	23	4
L. D. McNicol	8	0	23	3
R. E. A. Webster	3	0	24	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The Hongkong Cricket Club's second XI. defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club's second string on Saturday at the Club ground by 22 runs. P. Jacks for the Home side scored 52 and D. Reid made a useful 37. The rest of the side battled badly. The Civil Service opened well but fell away with the fall of the fourth wicket.

Scores:—

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.	C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.
H. E. Hollands, c sub, b Fincher	7
P. Jacks, c Cullip, b Sara	52
D. Reid, c Sandford, b Sara	37
W. Galloway, b Oswick	0
J. Wilson, b Sara	4
M. M. Watson, b Oswick	4
H. Spicer, c sub, b Sara	7
B. Conley, b W. Sara	6
J. R. Way, c Sandford, b Sara	1
G. M. Dorkins, c Cullip, b Sara	0
C. W. Mason, not out	4
Extras	3

Total 123

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Taylor	7	1	30	0
R. F. Fincher	5	0	32	1
C. Sara	10	1	30	7
A. Oswick	8	0	33	2

C.S.C.C.

H. Sandford, c Way, b Reid	22
H. Spicer, c sub, b Hollands	22
W. Cullip, run out	21
E. Fincher, b Dorkins	21
W. Watson, c Wilson, b Dorkins	4
C. J. Tachib, b Reid	3
W. Hill, b Reid	0
A. Oswick, b W. Dorkins	0
C. Sara, not out	1
R. Taylor, c Mason, b Reid	4
Extras	8

Total 106

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	19	2	38	4
Dorkins	12	2	28	1
Hollands	6	0	11	1
Way	6	1	21	0

QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND MARRIED OLD BOYS' C.C. SINGLE OLD BOYS.

Following the Annual Re-union dinner on Friday, Queen's College staff and students and members of the Q.O.O.B.A. had a game of cricket on Saturday at the Craigengower O.C. ground (by kind permission of the C.C.C. Committee). The Staff and Students with the assistance of a couple of Old Boys proved to be too strong for the Bachelors of the Q.O.O.B.A. and won by 2 wickets and 106 runs.

Scores:—

STAFF AND PUPILS AND MARRIED OLD BOYS.	Q.O.O.B.A.
A. A. Ramjahn, c Choo, b G. Hall	58
D. Ramjahn, c and b S. H. Ismail	11
A. H. Mader, b S. H. Ismail	7
J. C. Fletcher, c Curran, b S. H. Ismail	11
A. el-Arculi, c Curran, b S. H. Ismail	34
M. P. Mader, run out	13
E. J. Edwards, c Rahmmed, b S. H. Ismail	0
E. Ismail	0
E. Moosdeen, c S. A. Ismail, b Hall	0
N. M. Bux, not out	18
F. M. Arculli, not out	18
Extras	14

Total (for 8 wickets) 151

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BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE.

MOVES AND APPOINTMENTS.

His Majesty's Government have decided to raise the status of the British consular post at Tsingtao from that of a Vice-Consulate to that of a full Consulate as from December 10th, 1933, the date of completion of rendition of the former Kiaochow Leased Territory to China by Japan.

Mr. A. G. Major, at present Acting Consul and Accountant to H. M. Legation in Peking, will proceed towards the end of April to Tsingtao, exchanging posts with Mr. W. P. W. Turner.

Mr. C. C. A. Kirk, H.M. Consul at Chefoo, leaves his present post on 10 months' home leave about April 8th, being succeeded by Mr. J. L. Smith, who is returning from home leave in the *Kashgar* due in Shanghai on April 11th. During the interval between Mr. Kirk's departure and Mr. Smith's arrival, Mr. A. A. L. Tison, one of the Vice-Consuls in Tientsin, will be in temporary charge of H. M. Consulate in Chefoo.

Mr. C. F. Garstin, H. M. Consul in Shanghai, goes home on leave at the end of April or in the early part of May, being replaced by Mr. G. S. Moss, at present H. M. Vice-Consul at Hankow, who is now under orders to proceed to Shanghai instead of Ichang, as previously announced.

Mr. E. W. P. Mills will remain indefinitely in charge of H. M. Consulate at Ichang, being temporarily replaced as Vice-Consul at Nanking by Mr. M. Milton.

Mr. A. B. Lang has been appointed Archivist to H. M. Consulate-General at Shanghai and is due to arrive in the P. & O. S. *Nashin* on March 15th.

Two new student interpreters, Messrs. G. V. Kison and C. A. Hopper, have recently arrived in Peking.

Mr. V. L. Savage, H. M. Consul in Niigata, will be relieved about the end of May by Mr. H. F. Handley-Derry and will then proceed to Newchwang.

Mr. H. Phillips, H. M. Consul at Newchwang, will proceed in the early part of June, on being relieved by Mr. Savage, to Harbin, whence Mr. H. Porter will go home on six months' leave.—*N.C. Daily News*.

TROPICAL MEDICINE.

THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS AT SINGAPORE.

We have received from Dr. J. W. Scharff, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, a copy of a pamphlet issued for the fifth Congress of the Association, which opens in Singapore on September 3rd next.

The object of the Association is to promote the science and art of tropical medicine in the Far East. For this purpose it endeavours to unite into one compact organisation the medical profession of the Far East, for the growth and diffusion of medical knowledge; to promote friendly international intercourse among physicians; to elevate the standard of medical education; to enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to the problem of hygiene; to form habits which may conduce to the prevention of disease among the native population; and to present to the World the results of such scientific observations.

The membership of the Association is open to the members of all duly constituted, regularly organised medical societies within the field of this organisation, and all medical officials in the civil, military, naval, or other organised services of Governments within their territories.

The fifth congress opens in Singapore on Monday, September 3rd. The period from September 3rd to September 8th will be devoted to the scientific part of the Congress, and the period from September 9th to September 17th to social events and excursions throughout Malaya.

It is the wish of the scientific committee that the term "Tropical Medicine" shall not be interpreted in its narrow sense to the exclusion of many of the more interesting problems in Far Eastern medicine and surgery.

The pamphlet which gives full information regarding the Congress is distributed free of charge to any medical practitioner interested in the association.

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Curran	12	2	45	0
H. C. Hunt	6	2	24	0
S. H. Ismail	12	0	52	5
G. Hall	7	1	30	2
S. A. Ismail	2	0	7	0

SINGLES, OLD BOYS.

C. Choo, c Bux, b A. A. Ramjahn	4
S. D. Ismail, c J. C. Fletcher, b A. A. Ramjahn	5
A. H. Mader, b F. M. Arculli	31
G. A. V. Hall, c Arculli, b Ramjahn	0
H. C. Hunt, c Mader, b Ramjahn	5
S. H. Ismail, b Arculli	8
J. S. A. Curran, c D. Ramjahn	2
Extras	2

Total 76

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. el Arculli	11	1	18	2
A. A. Ramjahn	7	1	20	3
A. H. Mader	6	0	14	0
E. J. Edwards	4	0	22	1
J. C. Fletcher	2	0	8	1
F. M. Arculli	2	0	1	3

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KING'S REGIMENTAL BOXING TOURNAMENT.

RAIN INTERFERES AGAIN.

On two consecutive nights rain fell and put a stop to the King's Regimental Boxing Tournament. On Friday night the rain came down for some time before the tournament was timed to commence and on Saturday night the first fight of the evening had just commenced when the rain again descended, and, as the tournament is being held in the open, there was nothing for it but to postpone the event once more.

The committee are to continue the programme this evening and it is to be hoped that the Clerk of Weather will be more considerate. In order to make up for lost time a number of preliminary bouts are to be fought off this morning. By this means it is thought that the Novices and open competitions will be completed by to-morrow evening. The principal attraction this evening will be a special 10 rounds contest between C.P.O. Callaghan (H.M.S. *Ambrose*) and Sgt. Tribe, R.G.A.

The following competitions were completed on Saturday evening before it was decided to postpone the event:—

BOYS CLASS "A" (112 LBS. AND OVER).

No. 1 Bout.—Boy McDade beat Boy Caddick. The fight went the full distance, McDade winning on points.

No. 2 Bout.—Boy Bonham defeated Boy Allen on points. The combatants tied on points at the end of the third round. An extra round was fought which was a decisive one for Allen.

No. 3 Bout.—Boy Peters beat Boy Flester in the first round. The judge awarded the fight to Peters before the conclusion of the first round.

No. 4 Bout.—Boy Brooks defeated Boy Sirrett, who retired from the fight in the third round.

LARGE OPIUM HAUL AT MANILA.

TWO MANILA CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES INVOLVED.

The *Manila Times* of the 13th inst. reports:—

Two employees of the Manila Customs house and one of the Manila Terminal Company are involved in a P25,000 opium haul—one of the biggest hauls recorded during the year, and undoubtedly the most sensational because of the participation of agents of the law—which was made shortly before 3 o'clock this morning at Pier Number 5 when Detective Farol of the Customs secret service, with revolver in hand, held up and arrested *Telefonos* Flor Mata, a Customs guard, who was about to put a sack containing several hundred tins of the illicit dope in a calpas in front of the pier.

The total number of tins of opium captured was 610, weighing 52 kilos, and valued at approximately P25,000. One hundred and twenty tins of the opium captured were contained in two and one-half tins, and 450 in one-tin tins.

Four arrests, including Guard Flor Mata, were made. The others arrested are Pedro Vargas, watchman at Pier 5, Vicente Kibiging, watchman in this employ of the Manila Terminal Company, and Chung Chuan, second boatswain on board the Chinese vessel *Kumang*, from which the illicit dope came. All four are now detained at Customs secret service headquarters undergoing examination.

According to Captain Jose U. Borromeo, chief of the Customs secret service, *Telefonos* Flor Mata attracted suspicion when going to and returning from the vessel *Kumang* shortly after midnight last night. His movements were watched by secret service agents detailed at the pier, and it was shortly discovered that he had apparently been in communication with the second boatswain of the vessel. His acts appeared more suspicious to the Customs detective, because at that time of the night he was no longer on duty. Detective Farol who was in charge of the secret squad at the pier, approached Flor Mata to ascertain what he was doing, and the latter, in reply, attempted to get Detective Farol "in the game" by promising him a certain amount of money if the deal went through.

Detective Farol, it is said assumed an attitude of indifference when the offer was made to him by Flor Mata, who took the detective's indifference for assent and permission to land the goods. Flor Mata then went about landing the dope, while Detective Farol with some of his men cheer a dark corner from which to watch the operations.

Shortly before 3 o'clock in the morning, Flor Mata was observed to have come out from the boatwain's cabin with a sack. After leaving the gangplank, he took a circuitous route around the rear of the pier and came out through a side-door. Watchman Pedro Vargas who was the watchman at the side door, allowed Flor Mata to pass unquestioned. From the side-door Flor Mata went directly to a calpas in front of the pier which was waiting for him. When about to enter the calpas, Detective Farol sprang up from his place of hiding and, drawing his revolver, put Flor Mata under arrest.

Collector Alderson gave the following information:—

"From January 1st to March 13th this year, the secret service division of the Bureau of Customs has seized a total of 298,560 kilos of opium, worth approximately P11,000. The opium was contained in 3,105 tins. During the entire year last year, the total amount of opium seized by the division was only about 60 kilos worth about P2,250."

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Latest Date for receipt of Tenders, Noon 18th APRIL, 1933. [568]

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1933. [565]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 31st March, 1933, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1933. [569]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUEBER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1933. [572]

HUGO STINNES LINEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship

"HAVENSTEIN"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 26th March, 1933, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 26th March, 1933, at 10 A.M., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 2nd April, 1933, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1933. [571]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

A SUPPER DANCE will be held on the 23rd MARCH, 1933, at the Hongkong Hotel at 8.30 P.M. All intending Subscribers who have not yet sent in their names please forward same to the Undersigned.
W. BROWN,
Hon. Sec., Dance Committee,
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Goods not cleared by the 25th Mar., 1933, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Mar., 1933, at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Undersigned in any case whatever.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1933. [570]

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. LIONEL
EUGENE LAMBERT to Sign our
Firm from THIS DATE.
LAMBERT BROS. [533]

G. R.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that at all Performances held at the THEATRE ROYAL, SMOKING IS STRICTLY Prohibited under Regulation 49-G.N. 518-G.O. 7.11.1919. The Police have directions to enforce this Regulation.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
14th March, 1933. [551]

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NOTICE.

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By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Colonial Register.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1933. [542]

GULA-KALUMPONG RUBBER
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held in London on MARCH 27th, 1933.

THE SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED from March 19th, to April 6th, both days inclusive.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Colonial Register.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1933. [541]

COMPANIES (WINDING UP)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES
ORDINANCE, 1911-1921.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order made by His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, Kt., Chief Justice, in the above matter, dated the 6th day of March, 1933, it was ordered that the CHINA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, be Wound up by this Court under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong, 1911-1921; and that the Official Receiver be appointed Provisional Liquidator of the Company and that John Henderson Barr, of Victoria, Hongkong, aforesaid, Incorporated Accountant, be continued as Special Manager of the Company until the further order of the Court subject to the approval of the Official Receiver.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the First Meeting of Creditors of the Company will be held at the Official Receiver's Office at the Court of Justice, Victoria, aforesaid, on the 23rd day of March, 1933, at 11 o'clock, and the First Meeting of Contributors will be held at the same place on the same day at 11.30 A.M.
Dated this 6th day of March, 1933.
GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,
Solicitors for the Official Receiver. [500]

INTIMATIONS

THE HOUSING QUESTION.

PUBLIC MEETING.

THERE will be a Public Meeting
on
THE HOUSING QUESTION
at the
CITY HALL
on
MONDAY, MARCH 19TH,
at 5.30 P.M.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, M.C.,
will take the Chair. [564]

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the
PUBLIC MEETING on the HOUSING QUESTION to be held at the City Hall on MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, at 5.30 P.M.

T. A. MARTIN,
Hon. Secretary. [554]

18th March, 1933.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

A MEETING will be held in the SUPREME COURT on MONDAY, the 19TH INSTANT, at 5 P.M., to consider and confirm the proposed Rules, and to deal with other necessary Business connected with the formation of ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG. His Honour Sir WILLIAM REES DAVIES, M.C., has kindly consented to preside.

It is hoped that all Welsh people interested will make every effort to be present. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

D. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary (pro tem.),
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1933. [559]

THE HONGKONG HIDE AND LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG HIDE AND LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at Noon on SATURDAY, the 24th day of MARCH, 1933, at the Company's Office, STRAITS BUILDING, Nos. 87 and 89, Des Vaux Road Central, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Investigating Committee appointed on the 29th November, 1932.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1933.
By Order of the Board,
F. CRUSH,
Acting Secretary. [565]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1933, at Noon, for consideration of THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 25th March, 1933 (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1933. [534]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1933, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,
A. H. ABRAS,
Secretary. [538]

Hongkong, 15th March, 1933.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, EXETER SQUARE, on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1933, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1933, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1933. [514]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1933, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1932.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1933, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1933. [508]

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DEATH.

PRINGLE—At Shanghai, on March 12th, JOHN DUNBAR MARSH PRINGLE, eldest son of the late John and Florence Eugene Pringle, aged 29 years.

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LONDON Office: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, March 19th, 1933.

EGYPT AND THE SOUDAN.

For some weeks past Great Britain has been confronted with a first class crisis in Egypt, but from the cable published on Saturday announcing the formation of a new Cabinet containing five members of the last one, it may be assumed, and certainly hoped, that the crisis has been relieved. The trouble has arisen out of Nationalist agitation relative to the question of sovereignty over the Soudan. With the broad outlines of the history of the Soudan most readers are more or less familiar by reason of the fact that the Soudan proved the grave of the renowned General Gordon and the scene of those great military achievements which made the name of Kitchener a household word. Egypt conquered the Soudanese tribes in 1820 and continued for sixty years to gradually extend its loose rule over the territory until in 1881 a formidable rising of the dervishes took place under the leadership of a fanatic who styled himself "The Mahdi." Owing to the impossibility of prosecuting, without funds, a forward movement for the subjection of the rebels, the British authorities directed that the Soudan should be abandoned, and an attempt, in which General Gordon perished, was made to withdraw the garrisons stationed there to safety. For the next eleven years the country was left to the Mahdi's desolating reign of terror, and three quarters of the population were swept away by the ravages of disease, famine and warfare. In the meantime, however, preparations were steadily pressed forward for the task of reconquest, which the necessity for commanding the sources of the Nile rendered imperative, and in

1898, Mahdism, which had been steadily beaten back, received a crushing blow from a force of 30,000 British and Egyptian troops under Kitchener at Omdurman, just in time to checkmate a French advance at Fashoda. The Soudan has since been administered by an Anglo-Egyptian Condominium, the flags of the two nations floating side by side. Now, out of the growth of Nationalist agitation has come a question as to whether the Soudan is not an integral part of Egypt.

Basing its claim largely on certain declarations made by the late Lord Cromer, the Egyptian Government has been asserting that the Soudan cannot properly be separated, but really forms a portion of it. Hence it was proposed that the sovereign should be described in the new Constitution as the King of Egypt and the Soudan, though there was in the draft Constitution another provision which stated that the Constitution was not applicable to the Soudan. It is important to recall that in the British Government's Declaration of February 28th, 1922, whereby Britain's Protectorate over Egypt was ended, the Soudan was one of the four questions specifically reserved "to the discretion of His Majesty's Government until such time as it may be possible by free discussion and friendly accommodation on both sides to conclude agreements between His Majesty's Government and the Government of Egypt"; and it was added that pending the conclusion of such agreements "the status quo in all these matters shall remain intact." The British Government, therefore, was unable to agree to the publication of a Constitution containing clauses concerning the Soudan, and it was officially pointed out to the Government of Egypt that the inclusion of these clauses was incompatible not only with the Declaration of February last year but also with the Soudan Agreement of 1899.

Lord ALLESTREE was consequently instructed by H.M.'s Government to say that the offending articles must be temporarily removed from the draft of the Constitution until negotiations had taken place between the two Governments. It had finally to be intimated that unless the Egyptian Government accepted the British point of view within twenty-four hours, "a serious political situation" would arise, the British Government retaining liberty to act in any way it might think fit. The question was ultimately considered to be "temporarily settled" in a manner consistent with British pledges to the Soudanese. But the Nationalist Press was not content that it should be so, and their condemnation appears to have brought about the resignation of the Cabinet five weeks ago.

Events during that interval have, let us hope, brought the Nationalist leaders to a more reasonable frame of mind on the subject. It does not appear that the Soudanese want to come under the rule of the Egyptians, and the British position under the Soudan Agreement forms a guarantee for the safety and security of Egypt which it would be folly not to recognise. It was only through Great Britain's invaluable aid that the Soudan was recovered from the Mahdi, and it is certain that the Egyptians could not hold it alone against another revolt. In any event the settlement of the Soudan question must, by our own express declaration, and by the natural logic of events, follow and not precede the erection of the new legislative which the independence of Egypt demands. As *The Times* says: "That does not mean that Britain refuses to give Egypt at once the most definite assurances that her rights in the Soudan will be respected. His Majesty's Government are prepared not only to reassert their adherence to the Anglo-Egyptian Convention of 1899 as a basis of discussion, but are also ready categorically to guarantee to Egypt in writing her simple share in the waters of the Nile—a subject naturally of considerable concern to the Government at Cairo."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. G. D. R. Black to be a Member of the Medical Board.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's instructions, Mr. Marius Johannes Quist as Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong.

A despatch from the Secretary of State in the form of an explanatory statement and questionnaire issued by the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee to applicants for guarantees is published in the *Government Gazette*.

His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to recognise Mr. Carlos Henrique Basto, provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, as Honorary Consul for Bolivia in Hongkong.

Mr. R. F. Hall has assumed charge of the Hankow branch of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, in place of Mr. G. G. Franklin, who has been transferred to the head office of the firm in Hongkong. Mr. Hall has come to Hankow from Batavia, where he was also manager of the society's branch.

One of the largest dinner parties ever held in Shanghai took place at the New Carlton last week, when Mr. H. E. Morris entertained eight hundred guests, including 400 Russian cadets and prominent foreign and Chinese residents in honour of recent victories by his two well-known popes, Letchfield and Glenfield.

"Captain Petrovsky, commander of the steamship *Batavia* of the Russian fleet, anchored at Marivales (Philippine Islands) committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in his cabin about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 11th inst. The cause is unknown but is probably explained in a sealed letter he left for Admiral Stark.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps: Sergeant James Radston to be second Lieutenant and posted to No. 5 Platoon (Scottish Company); Corporal Donald Clement Logan, M.C., to be Second Lieutenant and posted to No. 6 Platoon (Scottish Company).

The engagement is announcement of Mademoiselle Raymonde Dillon, younger daughter of Comte and Comtesse Dillon, of Ile de Berder, France, and Baron de Cartier, Deputy Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton. Miss Dillon, it may be added, is the sister-in-law of M. Pierre Kramer, Acting Commissioner of Customs at Samshui, West River.

On Sunday, 11th inst., Colonel José David Freire Garcia passed peacefully away at Macao in the presence of his family. Deceased was a son of the late General Garcia of Macao. The late Colonel Garcia was born at Macao in 1863 and had a distinguished career in the Portuguese army. The funeral was very largely attended full military honours being accorded.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that in future parcels posted in the Colony and addressed to some person living in the Colony will be delivered to the addressee by the Post Office. The rate for such local parcels is 10 cents up to 3 lbs., 20 cents up to 7 lbs., and 30 cents up to 11 lbs. The limit of weight is 11 lbs. No compensation will be paid for damage unless the parcel was properly packed. In the event of total loss, the Post Office will pay the value of the parcel up to a maximum of \$10.

Leopold Godowsky, the world-famous pianist who gave a couple of concerts in the Colony recently is passing through the Colony again and has arranged to give three more concerts. This time the concerts will be at the Kowloon Theatre, as no suitable hall is available in Hongkong, and the Kowloon Theatre's acoustic properties are regarded as especially good. Music lovers who heard Mr. Godowsky on the occasion of his previous visit will be glad of the opportunity to hear him again and those who did not will do well not to miss the opportunity. As will be seen from an advertisement in another column the concerts take place to-night, to-morrow and Wednesday and the booking is at the Anderson Music Store. The programme for to-night comprises the following:—(a) Carnival Op. 9, Schumann; (b) Triakontameron (Thirty moods and scenes), Godowsky; (c) Fantasia Op. 49, (F minor), (b) Nocturne Op. 55 No. 1, (F minor) (c) Ballade Op. 47 (in A), (d) Drie "Scottish Dances," (e) Scherzo Op. 20 (F minor) Chopin, (a) Jeux d'Eau, Ravel, (b) Concert Study, Liszt, (c) Capriccio (F minor), Dohnanyi; (d) En Automne, Mozowski; (e) Marche Militaire, Schubert-Tausig.

The name of Mr. John Fleming, O.A., has been added to the list of authorised auditors in the Colony.

It is notified that the rates of postage from Hongkong on newspapers published in Hongkong and posted singly to Macao is 2 cents per 4 oz. or any fraction thereof.

Hongkong is shortly to have a visit from another popular and famous Pianist—Alexander Sklarovsky, who gave a series of successful recitals in Hongkong about two years ago.

Lieut. Colonel W. E. L. Gordon, O.M.G., D.S.O., who succeeds Colonel Marr-Johnson as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, has been promoted full Colonel antedated to June 3rd, 1930.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE RUHR.

FACILITIES FOR FOREIGN
TRADERS.

COLOGNE, March 17th.

The Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission has issued an order with the object of removing the complaints of foreign purchasers of German goods, reported in a cable message dated March 10th. Facilities are set forth which will be afforded to foreign buyers in respect of merchandise partly or wholly paid for before February 1st.

TRAIN COLLISION IN CREVELD
DISTRICT.

BRISMAN, March 17th.

A French troop-train collided with a goods-train at Friemereheim in the Crevel district. Details are lacking, but it is reported that 40 soldiers were killed and many seriously injured.

FRENCH ARMY SERVICE PERIOD
EXTENDED.

PARIS, March 17th.

The Senate has adopted, by 260 votes to 4, a Bill providing for eighteen months' service with the colours.

GERMAN CITIZENS AS HOSTAGES
ON TRAINS.

ESSEN, March 17th.

In consequence of the increasing sabotage, the French have decided to place leading German civilians on the engines of trains driven by the French, as hostages.

SEMI-OFFICIAL EMISSARIES
APPROACH FRENCH.

PARIS, March 17th.

Semi-official emissaries of various nationalities are approaching the Government almost daily. They make soundings on behalf of Germany, according to *Le Temps* which says that no less than three such demarches were made in one day this week. It is authoritatively stated here, however, that the Government will accept any offer of mediation as being unfriendly, and is determined to pay no attention to any soundings by Allied or neutral intermediaries, as it will only examine direct official German proposals. The newspapers declared that there can be no question of negotiations until Germany has ceased the economic war and capitulates.

GERMAN HOSTAGES AT BUER
RELEASED.

BERLIN, March 17th.

Advices from Buer state that the Chief Burgomaster and the Manager of the Savings Bank, whom the French took as hostages for the murder of French officers, have been released. General Faignot informed them that the town was not to blame for the murders.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILLOR OF
GERMAN EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON, March 15th.

The Councillor of the German Embassy called on Mr. Hughes (Secretary of State) and made a statement regarding Germany's position. He did not request any action, and no reply is contemplated.

EARLIER CABLES.

NEGOTIATIONS FORESHADOWED.

BERLIN, March 16th.

Reports from Paris and from London state that steps with a view to negotiations between Germany, France and Belgium are imminent, and are receiving much attention from the Press. The *Belgian Tagblatt* points out that France refused to examine Germany's proposals at the time of the Paris conference, and asks how Germany can now be expected to make fresh proposals. The *Local Anzeiger* still expects some demarche by a third party, and says it is significant that the Foreign Minister has postponed indefinitely his statement on the foreign situation which he was expected to make next week.

SABOTAGE IN THE RUHR.

PARIS, March 16th.

A series of outrages is reported from Düsseldorf. One French soldier was killed, and three soldiers and three railwaymen were injured, in a collision between a troop train and an empty goods train at Friendsheim, attributed to sabotage at the points. A bomb exploded under a light railway bridge near Kalkum. A French patrol was fired on, but suffered no casualties. A bomb exploded on the line outside Weiden station. The Cologne-Düsseldorf telegraph lines have been wrecked over a stretch of three kilometres. It is estimated that the repairs will take six months. The Inter-Allied Commission has decreed that telegraph and telephone sabotage henceforward will be punished with penal servitude for life. It transpires that only one German was killed in the affair at Hocklinghausen.

LATEST CABLES.

GERMAN TREASURY
CERTIFICATES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS BEING RECEIVED BY NEW YORK BANKERS.

NEW YORK, March 17th.

A local banking house is receiving subscriptions to a \$50,000,000 issue of German Government non-interest-bearing Treasury Certificates at par, guaranteed by the Reichsbank and payable in 1936 at 120.

LATEST CABLES.

THE NEAR EAST.

ISMET ISSUES TURKISH
COUNTER PROPOSALS.

LONDON, March 17th.

A long summary of Turkish counter proposals has been issued by Ismet Pasha. In a covering letter he stresses, firstly, that the definite abolition of capitulations must be recognised by the Allies; secondly, that relations between Turkey and the Allies must be brought to conformity with the requirements of the practice habitually followed between independent nations; thirdly, the conditions governing the fiscal regime and judicial status of the subjects of one State, in the territories of another, must be determined by reciprocal conventions. Ismet declares that peace would have been concluded if Turkey had been originally accorded the short delay for which she asked. He goes on to enumerate the Turkish concessions, and concludes by saying that if the Allies are inspired with the same pacific sentiments, a meeting at a European town, preferably Constantinople, would be able to settle the Treaty within a fortnight.

REDISTRIBUTION OF MEDITERRANEAN
FLEET.

MALTA, March 17th.

It is reported that a redistribution of the fleet may be shortly expected, under which the Mediterranean fleet will consist of two battle squadrons of ten battleships, and two light cruiser squadrons of eleven ships.

THE FISHERIES TREATY.

CORRESPONDENCE TABLED IN
CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, March 17th.

The correspondence tabled in the House of Commons shows that several messages passed between Ottawa, London and Washington, before the Government obtained the consent of the Colonial Office not to have the British Ambassador associated with Hon. Ernest Lapointe, LL.B., K.C., (Minister of Marine and Fisheries), in the signing of the Fishery Treaty, with the United States.

The Governor-General, General Lord Byng, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., cabled, on January 16th, asking for the conferment of full powers on Mr. Lapointe to sign on behalf of Canada. This was apparently not clearly understood, for as late as February 28th Lord Byng cabled to the Colonial Secretary stating that his ministers were surprised to receive an intimation from Sir Eric Geddes (First Lord of the Admiralty) in which he said that he had been instructed to sign in association with Mr. Lapointe adding, "the view taken by my ministers is that the Treaty concerning solely Canada and the United States, and not affecting in particular any Imperial interest, the signature of the Canadian Minister should be sufficient."

The Colonial Secretary replied stating that Sir Eric's wishes had been telegraphed to the Ambassador at Washington.

LENIN'S CONDITION.

PARALYSIS HAS
DIMINISHED.

RIGA, March 17th.

A bulletin has been issued stating that M. Lenin shows a general improvement, and that the paralysis has diminished.

CONTINENTAL TRAFFIC.

SERVICE BETWEEN HAMBURG
AND ZEEBRUGGE.

LONDON, March 16th.

Out of the remarkable rush of new issues, involving over \$5,000,000, public subscriptions, the most interesting is the Great Eastern Train and Ferries Company, with a capital of £400,000, under the auspices of the Anglo-Belgian Trunk Railway Co., for a service between Harwich and Zeebrugge, thus providing through traffic for the Continent without transhipment.

SOVIET AGRICULTURE

CONCESSION GRANTED TO
KRUPPA.

BERLIN, March 17th.

The Soviet Government and Messrs. Kruppa have signed an agreement as regards agricultural concessions granted to the latter.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

BIG DEMONSTRATION IN
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 17th.

Eight thousand police detectives were distributed among the dense crowds watching the St. Patrick's Day parade, in which 25,000 people participated, but nothing of moment occurred.

MISSISSIPPI STORM.

DAMAGE TO LIFE AND
PROPERTY.

MEMPHIS, March 17th.

Sixteen persons were killed and a hundred injured in a storm which is sweeping the delta counties of the Mississippi. Many houses have been razed, and hundreds are homeless.

WORLD OF SPORT.

THE SIKI-MCTIGUE FIGHT.

TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, March 17th.

Tremendous enthusiasm is being displayed over tonight's fight at Dublin, between "Battling Siki" the World's Cruiser-Weight Champion and Mike McTigue, the Irish-American Middle-Weight. This is the first big contest in Ireland for fifteen years. Both contestants are reported fit and well.

Siki, who has been training in Ireland, is immensely popular. He has considerably improved in speed and technique, and says he feels stronger and better than when he met Georges Carpentier.

Although a stone lighter than his opponent, McTigue is most confident that he can out-point Siki, as he has already beaten thirty blacks.

Carpentier and Descamps have reached Dublin for the purpose of taking stock of Siki, whom Carpentier meets on September 18th in Paris. Bockett also witnesses the fight.

SIKI DEFEATED.

MIKE MCTIGUE WINS LIGHT-HEAVY-WEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP.

DUBLIN, March 17th.

In a contest for the Light-Heavy-Weight Championship of the World, the Irish Canadian, Mike McTigue, outpointed "Battling Siki" the holder.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

DUBLIN, March 17th.

The Scala Theatre was packed with a tremendous crowd. Outside, both men had a great reception.

Siki opened aggressively, and tried to force matters, but McTigue's watchful, patient and clever ring-craft and foot-work enabled him to avoid the negro's fierce swinging blows.

McTigue was several times cornered, but he skillfully extricated himself, and his imperturbability tantalised Siki who, towards the end, showed signs of anger and lost his judgment, upon which McTigue scored with a series of lefts.

In the penultimate round the black rushed the Irishman to the ropes, and stood himself for a knock-out, but McTigue dodged and escaped with a glancing blow.

Altogether the fight was rather a tame affair.

REBELS' ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE
SPECTATORS.

LONDON, March 17th.

Dublin was startled by a tremendous explosion at the hour fixed for the start of the Siki-McTigue fight. The authorities had detailed troops to guard the Scala Theatre, the scene of the fight, and detectives were protecting boxes in view of the Republic's decree banning sport, while an enormous crowd had assembled outside.

It transpires that a land-mine was exploded in Moor-lane, within a stone's throw of the scene of the fight. Two children were injured, and all the windows and doors in the vicinity were blown out.

M.C.C. v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, March 17th.

In the final match of the tour, South Australia in their first innings made 408. Arthur Richardson contributing 280. Marylebone replied with 375. Calthorpe knocking up a useful 98. South Australia in their second innings made 294 with the loss of 4 wickets and then declared. Marylebone replied with 248 for 4. Chapman making 134 unfinished. The match was drawn.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE VARSITY
BOAT RACE.

LONDON, March 16th.

Oxford rowed a full course trial this afternoon under good conditions, taking 20 minutes and 45 seconds. They were placed at various stages by scratch crews from the London and Westminster, Avon and Leander clubs. Cambridge's time last week, under adverse conditions was 21 minutes and 44 seconds.

CAMBRIDGE EIGHT'S TRIAL
SPIN.

LONDON, March 17th.

Cambridge, assisted by several scratch eights, rowed the full course in a trial this afternoon from Putney to Mortlake, taking 20 mins. 18 secs. Conditions were more favourable than yesterday.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

LONDON, March 17th.

Playing at Inverleith, in the International Rugby Match, England v. Scotland, England defeated Scotland, by 8 points to 0.

The ground was in excellent order, and 30,000 spectators were present including H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Bowes Lyon. The Scottish pack put in good work in the tight scrums, and the English were excellent in the loose scrums. After a Scottish try had been disallowed, owing to a forward pass by Smallwood, a try for England was registered but not converted. Then from a scrum in the vicinity of the English line, MacLaren registered a try for Scotland. At the interval the score stood 3 all.

On the resumption, after even exchanges, Gracie scored a try for Scotland, who failed to convert. Two minutes from the end Voyce scored, and scored a try, Liddington converting amidst tremendous enthusiasm.

BRITISH TEAM FOR SOUTH
AFRICA.

EDINBURGH, March 17th.

The International Rugby Board has decided to send a British team to South Africa in 1934.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

PARIS, March 17th.

In the International Soccer Match Scotland defeated Wales by 2 to nil.

The weather was fine, and the attendance numbered 20,000. Scotland scored seven minutes from the start and thereafter had the better of the game, although they were playing one man short. After the interval the Welshman seldom got within shooting range. Scotland added their second goal in the middle of the second half.

DAVIS CUP DRAW.

NEW YORK, March 16th.

The draw for the Davis Cup is as follows: Canada v. Japan, Hawaii v. Australasia, Czechoslovakia v. Switzerland, India v. Poland, France v. Denmark, Spain v. Romania, Britain v. Belgium, Argentina, Italy, and Holland have byes.

ALTERATION IN TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIP.

PARIS, March 16th.

A meeting of the International Tennis Federation has decided to abolish the world championship titles, and recognise the national championship of England, France, Australia, and the United States.

MIDDLE LENGTHS EASY
VICTORY AT NICE.

NICE, March 16th.

In the Lawn Tennis Tournament here, Mdlle. Suzanne Lenglen beat the American, Mrs. Mallory, 6-0, 6-0.

PARIS DEFEATS LONDON.

DUBLIN, March 17th.

In a three-day covered-courts tennis match, the team representing Paris beat the team representing London by 14 matches to 6.

U.S. TENNIS ASSOCIATION TO JOIN
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.

The executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, in view of the International Federation's abandonment of the practice of awarding tournaments to perpetuity to the same citizens, has voted in favour of applying for membership of the Federation.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE LAUSANNE TREATY.

TURKISH COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

LONDON, March 16th.

The Turkish counter-proposals to the Lausanne terms have been received in London, comprised in a very long document, accompanied by a letter from Ismet Pasha. A summary will probably be published.

BRITAIN'S BOXER FUNDS.

SUGGESTIONS BY THE CHINESE
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 16th.

Addressing a special conference in London on the question of distributing the Boxer indemnity, remitted to China by Britain for educational use, Mr. Chao Han-chu (Chargé d'Affaires) expressed the opinion that mixed British and Chinese committees should be formed to take charge of the matter. It would be advisable for the committee to appoint a joint commission to investigate thoroughly in China questions connected with educational purposes, and the committee would act upon the commission's report.

Things had been proceeding rather too slowly, and he hoped there would be no further delay. He suggested that Chinese students, male and female, should be supported out of the indemnity funds to pursue advanced studies in Britain. A limited number of the Chinese students in Britain who are really in need of financial assistance should be given scholarships. Research work should be encouraged, prizes should be given to the best students, and the translation of English books into Chinese should be encouraged. A scheme of exchange of University Professors should be carried out. An information bureau should be established in London to assist students. He understood the China Society was willing to undertake such work.

Honest propaganda should be carried out in Britain and in China in order reciprocally to expound the ideals of culture, and increase Anglo-Chinese friendship. Chinese teachers should be sent to England and English teachers to China. They should also address commercial and industrial bodies with a view to stimulating trade and co-operation in economic development. Schools should be established in China for the English education of Chinese. Schools worth supporting included the Hongkong University, the textile and technical schools at Shanghai, and the Hankow College of Technology. The Peking schools should be supported, and postal courses given cheaply or free. A portion of the indemnity, paid yearly, should be capitalised in order that the scheme could be carried on indefinitely.

CHINESE IN SAMOA.

REPORT OF A NEW ZEALAND
SPECIAL COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, N.Z., March 16th.

After carefully reviewing all the available evidence collected in the Pacific Islands the special commission appointed last year by the Methodist Conference with regard to indentured labour in the South Sea Islands has concluded that indigenous, free labour in Samoa is impracticable in this generation, and that climatic considerations prohibit the employment of white labour. All considerations compel acceptance of some just form of contract system, as a means of securing imported labour, and the "industrial and spiritual uplifting must go hand in hand." The natives of the country at present are half commercialised, and stopping the clock of progress now would leave them practically without knowledge.

The commission favours a short contract system for Chinese labour in the case of single men if married men are unobtainable, and declares there is no foundation for the assertion that the introduction of single Chinese has resulted in the moral degradation of the Samoans. The commission concludes by acknowledging the New Zealand Government's sincere effort to carry out the terms of the mandate over Samoa. It hopes that ultimately Chinese labour will be unnecessary. The report has been adopted.

LATEST CABLES.

BOOTLEGGERS SUMMONED.

SCREEN STARS AND BUSINESS
MEN IMPLICATED.

LOS ANGELES, March 17th.

In addition to a number of screen stars who were summoned to-day to appear before the Grand Jury, in connection with alleged bootlegging activities, indictments will be sought against a number of prominent business men.

EARLIER CABLES.

NATIVE REVOLT IN DAHOMEY.

PARIS, March 16th.

A serious native revolt in Dahomey (N.W. Africa) in February began with a doctress' strike at Porto Novo on February 12th culminating in a riot on February 18th necessitating the intervention of troops and police. The agitation developed and resulted in a widespread native rebellion. Martial law was proclaimed, and the local army being inadequate, the Governor-General, M. Merlin, rushed up reinforcements from Togo and from Dakar, restored order, and arrested ten ringleaders and disarmed the rebels. The colony is now quiet.

THE LEPROSY PROBLEM.

LONDON, March 16th.

Speaking before the Society of Arts, Sir Leonard Rogers estimated that there are probably half a million lepers in India, seven thousand in Europe, 1,256,000 in Asia and 525,000 in Africa. The disease, he said, is undoubtedly communicable, though statistics show that only three to five per cent. of healthy persons living in the same house as a leper contracted the disease. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to say how many apparent cures will prove permanent, but certainly relapses have occurred not very rarely in patients discontinuing treatment as soon as the outward signs have disappeared. Recent advances in treatment are not sensational, but present a far more important and practical epoch in the history of leprosy. He urged the inauguration without delay of a new effort to prevent leprosy.

EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS.

LONDON, March 16th.

The French franc rallied to 78.60, on more hopeful reparations news, but later reacted to 74.65. Belgian francs were at 85.60, and later 84.65.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 16th.

The number of unemployed in Britain again fell by 84,000 in February, to 1,476,000.

THE 8-HOUR DAY IN
ITALY.

ROME, March 16th.

The King of Italy has signed two decrees relating to the Washington labour agreements. The first enforces in Italy the agreements with regard to unemployment and night work for women and youths in factories, and the second gives effect to an eight-hour day and forty-eight hour week in all industrial establishments.

CANADIAN INCENDIARY
CAMPAIGN.

MONTREAL, March 16th.

The Roman Catholic home for incurables here has been destroyed by fire. Four hundred patients were safely removed.

OIL IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, March 16th.

It is reported that oil has been found near Towantin, on the North Queensland coast. There has been no flow yet, but indications are said to be important.

CONTROL OF COTTON-
SPINNING.

LONDON, March 16th.

The Master Cotton Spinners' Federation reports that the recommendation to curtail the production of mills spinning American cotton during March has been generally adopted, and recommends similar curtailment in April.

LIZARDS' EGGS FROM CHINA.

LONDON, March 16th.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading, by 183 votes to 100, of the Merchandise Marks Bill providing for the marking of foreign meat and agricultural products so as to indicate clearly the country of origin or the fact that it is imported. Each imported egg must be so marked. The Rt. Hon. E. G. Pretyman, moving the second reading, alleged that English dealers mixed English and foreign eggs, and he told the story of an old lady who bought eggs for sitting, four of which hatched into lizards. Apparently they were lizards' eggs from China.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 16th.

The death has occurred of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, following a recent fall in the hunting field.

[George Henry Hugh Cholmondeley, P.O. M.C. (Irish Viscount Cholmondeley) was born in 1854. His heir, the Earl of Rockingham, is married to a sister of Sir Philip Sassoon.]

A writer of a book on "The Unknown Eekimo," comments on the ferocity of the Arctic mosquito whose concentrated attack has done both men and bears to death. It might well be wondered how they survive the ice-bound winter, yet every spring bring them out in their "malignant millions."

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NEW STEAMER FOR THE CHINA
TRADE.

LONDON, March 17th.

The Holt steamship *Patroclus* has been launched at Greenock. The vessel is of 11,400 tons, 8,000 horse-power, and destined to maintain a regular passenger and cargo service between Great Britain and China direct.

CHIEF OF JAPANESE ARMY STAFF
RESIGNS.

TOKYO, March 17th.

Baron Ueyehara, Chief of the Army Staff, has resigned. General Misao Kawai succeeds him.

Three generals, six major generals and 470 army officers are waiting to be tested.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN CHINA.

PEKING, March 17th.

It is reported from Chinese sources that General Liu Chuan Ting has left Nanking in favour of General Lu Yang Ting.

It is also reported unofficially that General Liu Hsien Shih has occupied Kwajichow, forcing General Yuan Tsu Ming to withdraw.

Admiral Sah Cheng Ping and General Liu Kuang Hsiang have wired to the Government stating that they would welcome General Sun Chuan Fang at Foochow, but it is not their desire that his troops should enter the Province. They request the Government to order his troops to withdraw.

TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE
DESTROYED BY FIRE.

TOKYO, March 16th.

The Stock Exchange building was completely burned down early this morning. There were no casualties. The damage is estimated to be yen 500,000.

ARMS FOR HONGKONG.

CHINESE STEWARD'S "ENTERPRISE"
THWARTED.

LONDON, March 16th.

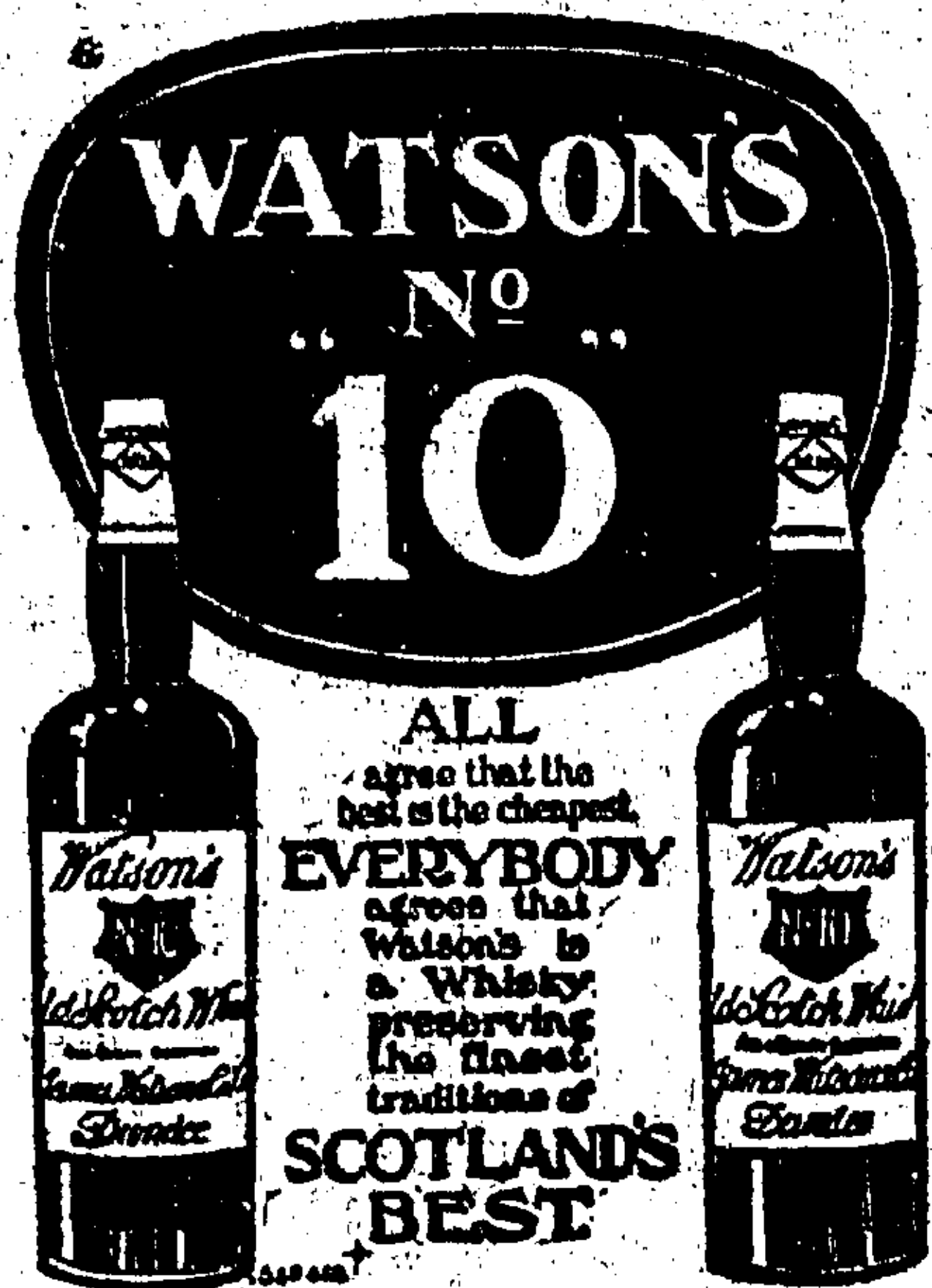
A Chinese steward, Woo Koo-dai, of the steamship *Glenroy* has been fined £288 and costs, or ninety-days imprisonment, at Canton, for illegally importing thirty-four Mauser revolvers and two thousand rounds of ammunition. The defendant pleaded not guilty. They were arms from Antwerp which he intended taking to Hongkong.

SUN YAT SEN'S PRECARIOUS
POSITION.

PEKING, March 15th.

According to reports from Canton, Sun Yat-sen's position is again becoming precarious. It is reported that Sun Yat-sen recently gave Shen Hung-ying the sum of \$150,000 for expenses entailed by the moving of the troops from Canton city, and that

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AHEAD OF THE MAIL SUPPLEMENTARY WIRES FROM CEYLON PAPERS.

The following telegrams are taken from Ceylon:

CHURCHES WITHOUT CONGREGATIONS.

LONDON, February 29th.
A week in celebration of the bicentenary of the death of Christopher Wren was inaugurated on Saturday with a pilgrimage to the City churches and a commemorative service in St. Paul's today. The celebrations have revived the lively controversy regarding the fate of many churches in the heart of London, which nowadays have practically no congregations, and the sites and endowments represent an enormous figure.

Reformers urge that many should be demolished and the proceeds devoted to new churches on the outskirts of the metropolis. Others declaim equally loudly against the degradation, and Saturday's pilgrimage was in the nature of a protest against the reformers' schemes.

A procession of chorists headed by a band sang hymns and recited prayers. The Bishop of London, backed by architectural and ecclesiastical supporters, addressed the closing of 19 of the alleged deserted churches out of 47 in the City area. His Lordship in a speech yesterday said that the main object of the combine was to save the parishes even if churches themselves were allowed to stand, and economise the money and manpower of the church.

ANGLO-GERMAN MARRIAGE FAILS.

LONDON, February 29th.
There was an echo in the Divorce Court today of a marriage which was a great pro-war Anglo-German event.

The banker, the Hon. John Bertram Ogilvy Freeman-Mitford, brother of Lord Redesdale, petitioned for divorce from his wife, formerly Fraulein Friedlander, the full heiress to the German coal king and now Baroness von Kuhlmann, her husband being the ex-German Foreign Minister, whom she married in 1920, and who is cited as co-respondent.

Both pleaded that the Court had no jurisdiction because the marriage had been annulled by competent courts in Germany in October, 1914.

Their counsel said that the grounds of nullity were characteristic of the petitioner and were such that the respondent would not have married him had she known.

The President of the Court asked whether the grounds were not such as would have secured nullity in England.

Counsel replied that the grounds were "that the conduct of the petitioner during the short period of the marriage proved him to be addicted to marvellous indolence and unbearable selfishness."

Counsel said that petitioner was in England at the outbreak of war, and joined the British army. He did not go to Germany to defend the wife's suit.

An affidavit by the respondent mentioned that she met the petitioner at Kell Regatta in 1913, and was married in Berlin in January, 1914. He became engaged in her father's business in Berlin, and if he had continued therein he would have become very wealthy.

ONE AND HALF GUINEAS A MINUTE.

LONDON, February 27th.
An antique furniture lawsuit, which has been so costly that it has been termed the 1½ guineas a minute case, began a month ago before the Lord Chief Justice, who, four days later, referred it to the Official Referee. A pantomime brought the disputed articles to the Law Courts. Four King's Counsel and five juniors were briefed, and expert witnesses were substantially "fed." It is estimated that the costs will amount to £20,000. Trade in antiques has been paralysed pending the decision.

Mr. Adolph Shrager, described as an adviser to rubber plantations, sued Messrs. Basil Dighton, Limited, for the return of £85,000, alleging misrepresentation and overcharge in respect of antique furniture they had supplied.

The Referee concluded that Mr. Shrager had issued the writ for the purpose of avoiding his liabilities to the defendant, who were absolutely honest. He found in their favour, and allowed their counter claim of £15,043. He refused a stay of execution.

[Before Sir Edward Pollock, Official Referee, the hearing was begun in January last of an inquiry concerning the value of a large number of articles of furniture, pictures, and other works of art, alleged not to be antique, as represented to the purchaser. The action out of which the inquiry arose was heard by the Lord Chief Justice in November last, and was brought by Mr. Adolph Shrager, of Kent Lodge, Westgate-on-Sea, against Mr. Basil Dighton and Mr. Basil Lewis Dighton, of Savile-row, and Mr. Harry Walter Lawrence, of Circus-road, St. John's Wood. The plaintiff alleged that he was induced to spend £100,000 in the furnishing and fitting of his house on representations that the furniture comprised genuine antiques and "collectors' prices." He claimed that he was not able to pay the purchase money, and he sought damages for breach of warranty of the goods. He claimed, alternatively, the return of £85,346, money paid on considerations which had wholly failed.]

DOCTORS MADE TO TELL.

LONDON, February 27th.
On the resumption of the Furness case, two West End doctors claimed medical privilege, and were over-ruled by the Judge. Both testified to the drinking and drug-taking habits of Mrs. Furness, who one said, drank five bottles of champagne and brandy daily.

Mrs. Furness testified and admitted drinking, but denied drug-taking since her marriage. She denied misconduct with the dancer. Her Counsel asked for an adjournment to take evidence on commission of the dancer, who is abroad.

THE MARIE STOPES LIEK ACTION.

LONDON, February 27th.
Several doctors and Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P., testified in favour of Marie Stopes after which Dr. Sutherland testified that he wrote the book after a meeting of the Medical-Legal Society, where Professor Moirrey denounced the plaintiff's method of contra-conception. The book was not written at the behest of anyone connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Defendant believed the plaintiff's campaign to be monstrous from a medical and moral view-point.

AN ARSENAL IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, February 27th.
The New York Police have discovered a mysterious arsenal, containing 20 machine guns, 600 rifles, much ammunition, and six cases of grenades in a cellar in 24th Street. A motor lorry was unloading cartridges when detectives arrived on the scene and arrested six people, who refused to disclose the purpose of the explosives. It is supposed that they were intended either for Irish rebels, the Ku Klux Klan, or anarchists.

A PIONEER ENGLISH WOMAN.

LONDON, February 27th.
The death is announced of Mrs. Cox, widow of Major-General Cox, of the Bengal Staff Corps, whom she accompanied to India in a sailing vessel via the Cape in 1850. She was one of the first Englishwomen to live on the North-West Frontier, where she was domiciled at the time of the Mutiny.

DAIRY FARM NEWS

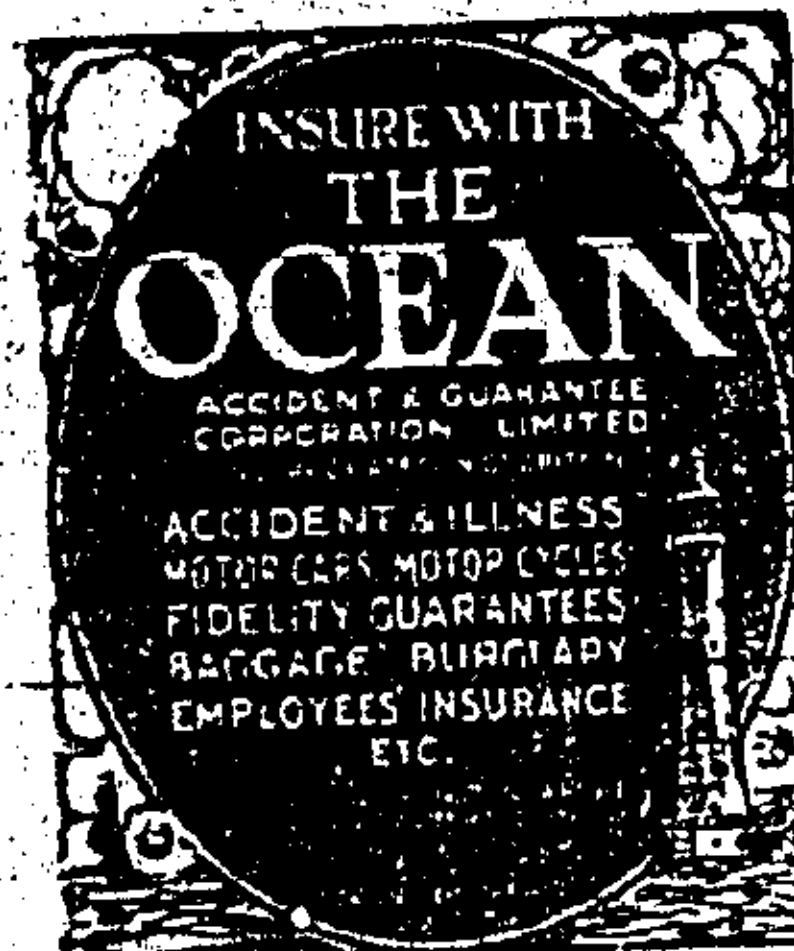
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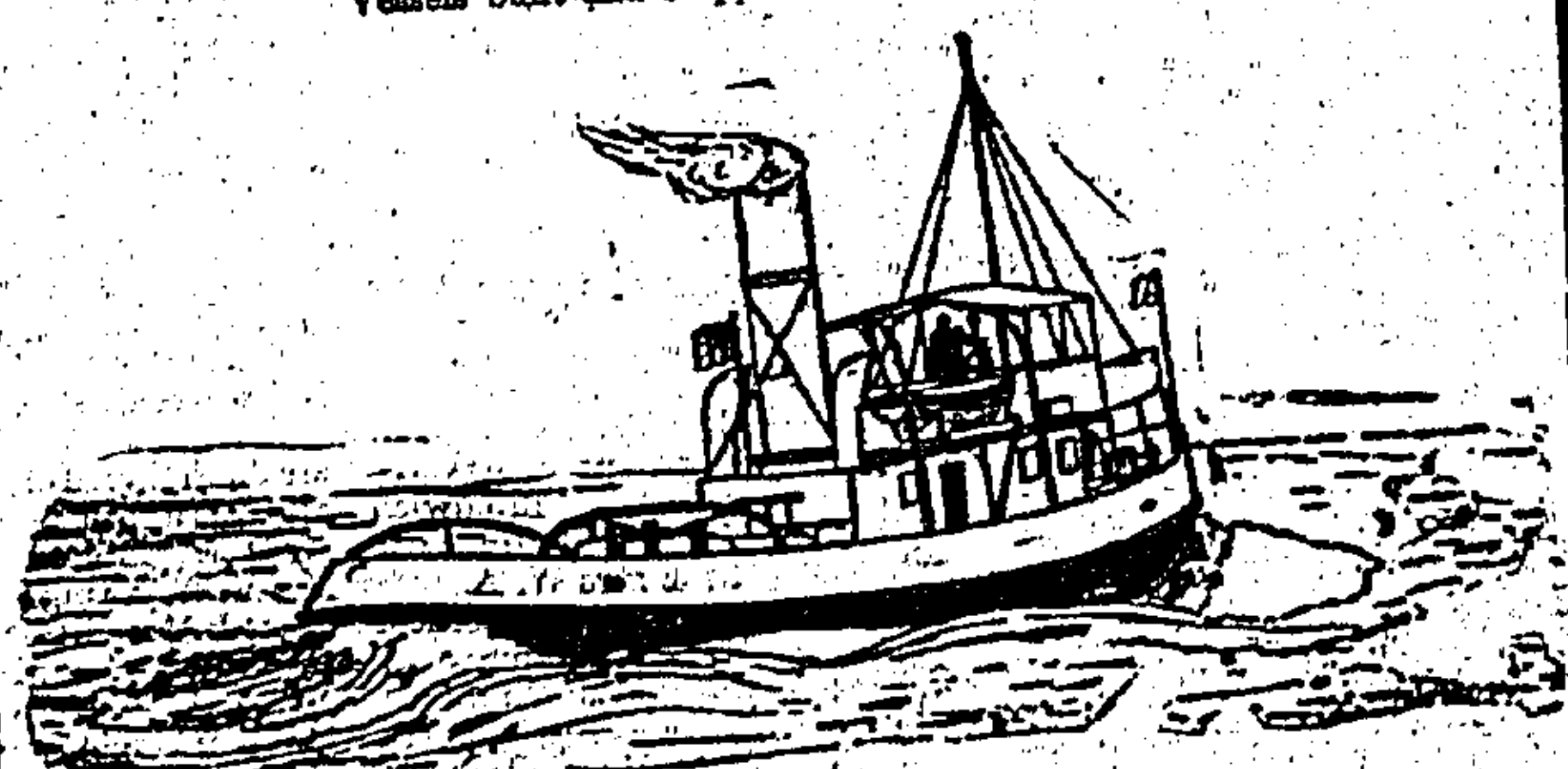
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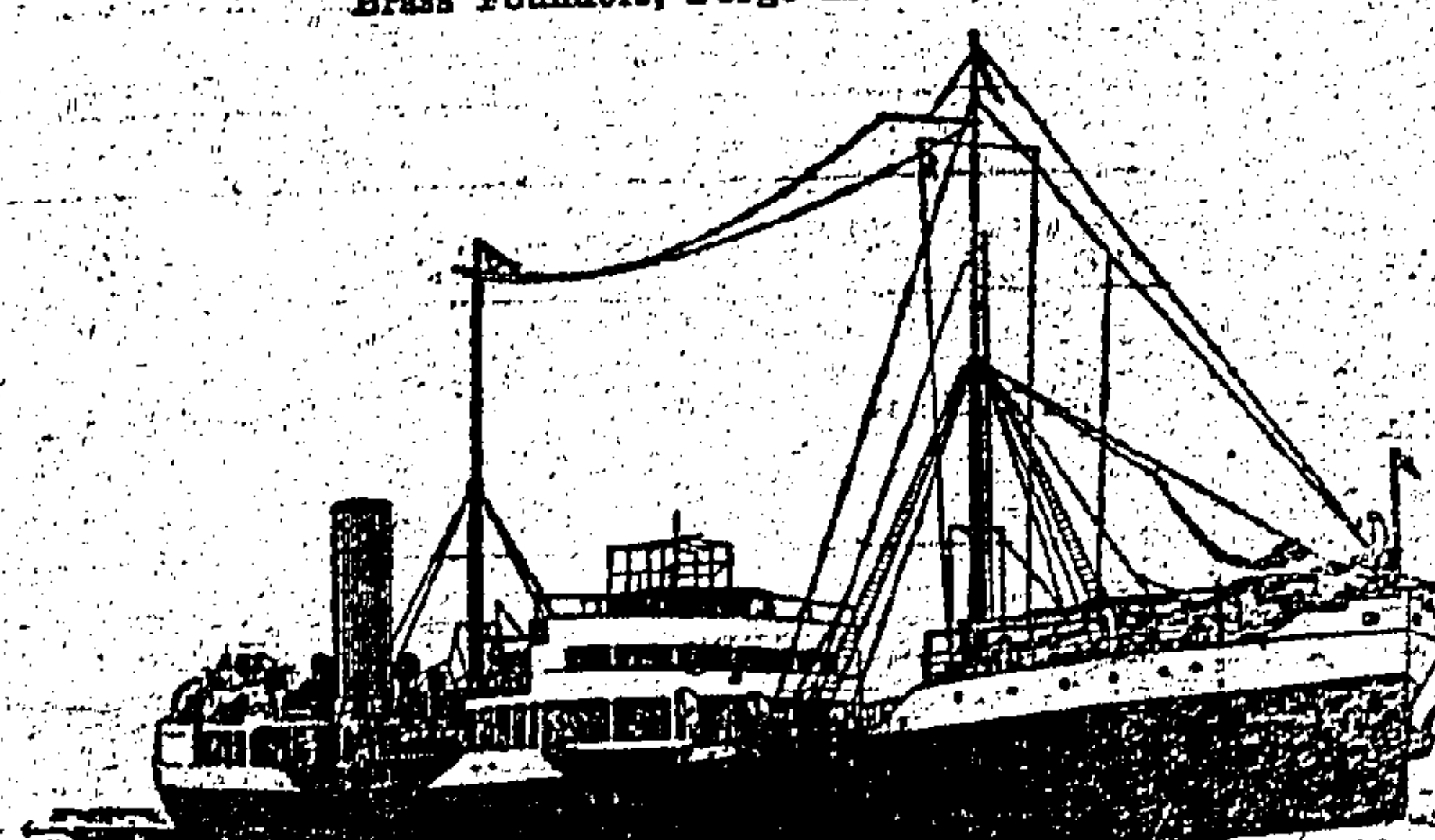


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